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CHINESE PROTESTS

Kowloon City Incident Taken Up Here And In Nanking

Salaries Report And The Council

The recommendations of the Salaries Commission are to come up in Legislative Council today.

The Financial Secretary will move "that this Council accept generally the recommendations of the Salaries Commission in so far as they relate to salaries and allowances."

DRIVE AGAINST SMUGGLERS

Nanking, Jan. 13.

The Chinese Government is planning to purchase 16 minesweepers and 100 motor launches from the United States for anti-smuggling patrols along the South China coast, according to official Chinese press reports in Nanking today.

This announcement follows on the implementation of the Sino-British agreement signed in Nanking and Hong Kong.

It was also reliably reported that the Chinese Navy will be dispatching a number of smaller craft to assist the maritime authorities who are patrolling shipping activities between Hong Kong and Chinese ports.

The Sino-British agreement will curb one of China's chief economic worries and reduce the 18,000 smuggling cases detected last year.

The value of the smuggled goods was estimated at CN\$155,000,000,000 (which is the equivalent of US\$750,000,000).—Reuter-AAP.

APPORTIONING AN ANNUITY

New rules on the method of apportioning an annuity between capital and income, under the Inland Revenue Ordinance, will be laid on the table in Legislative Council this afternoon.

The amendment states:—
For the purpose of assessing the annuity payable under Chapter III of the Ordinance, an annuity payable in respect of valuable consideration shall first be apportioned as between capital and income in accordance with the provisions of this Rule.

The capital portion shall be ascertained by dividing the consideration (i.e., premiums paid, or the total of such premiums if more than one, or other valuable consideration given) by the figure ascertained from the Table set out in sub-rule (2) hereof by reference to the age of the annuitant of the date of his or her last birthday prior to the first payment of the annuity. The excess of the annual annuity over the capital portion thus ascertained shall be deemed to be income and shall be assessed as such.

This apportionment between capital and income shall be constant each year until such time

as the annuitant shall die.

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Issue Is Referred To London

A strong protest over Monday morning's incident at Kowloon City was lodged with His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, yesterday by Mr. T. W. Kwok, Special Commissioner of the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs for Kwangtung and Kwangsi Provinces. On Monday, one man was seriously injured and five others admitted to hospital when the Police were forced to fire warning shots and use tear gas to disperse a hostile crowd attacking them with stones.

In his protest "over the wounding of several Chinese residents in the old, walled Kowloon City," Mr. Kwok reiterated his earlier request that the Hong Kong authorities desist from any forcible measures pending the outcome of negotiations, according to a Central News Agency report last night.

According to Central News, Mr. Kwok asked that during the negotiations over the issue, no Police parties be sent to Kowloon City, "so as to avoid any further unfortunate incident."

What reply, if any, was made to Mr. Kwok's protest was not revealed by Central News, nor was any statement on the interview with the Governor at noon yesterday released by official British sources.

Three members of the Provincial Assembly of Kwangtung—Messrs. Cheng Chung-chor, Li Lun-hong and Chan Hei-ching—visited Kowloon Walled City just before noon yesterday and made a 10-minute tour of the "unaffected area."

Relief work was continued throughout yesterday. Bread and rice were distributed by the Kowloon Walled City Residents' Association to those members who remained on the site of the former Chinese town.

The Health Authorities have sprinkled lime over all ditches and pools of stagnant water. A Police squad, of 20 Chinese under a European Sub-Inspector was constantly on guard over the area "to see that they do not re-enter their sheds this time."

"No Anxiety"
The man on whom an operation was carried out on Monday afternoon favourably, it was officially stated yesterday.

A Government spokesman added that "no anxiety is being entertained regarding the condition of the persons undergoing medical treatment for injuries sustained on Monday."

Squatters whose structures were dismantled in Kowloon City on Jan. 12, may apply for the materials on Jan. 15 and 16 be-

NANKING'S 'WARNING'

Nanking, Jan. 13.
The Foreign Minister, Dr. Wang Shih-chieh, today demanded that the British Government or the Hong Kong authorities cease immediately all further police action in evicting the Chinese residents from the Kowloon Walled City. He warned that fresh coercion will lead to "grave consequences."

The Foreign Office spokesman, Elinor Chan-ying, disclosed that the Foreign Minister personally delivered a note to the British Ambassador, Sir Ralph Stevenson, yesterday.

Dr. Wang asked that the question be settled through normal diplomatic negotiations. Sir Ralph Stevenson agreed to transmit the demand to the British Government—United Press.

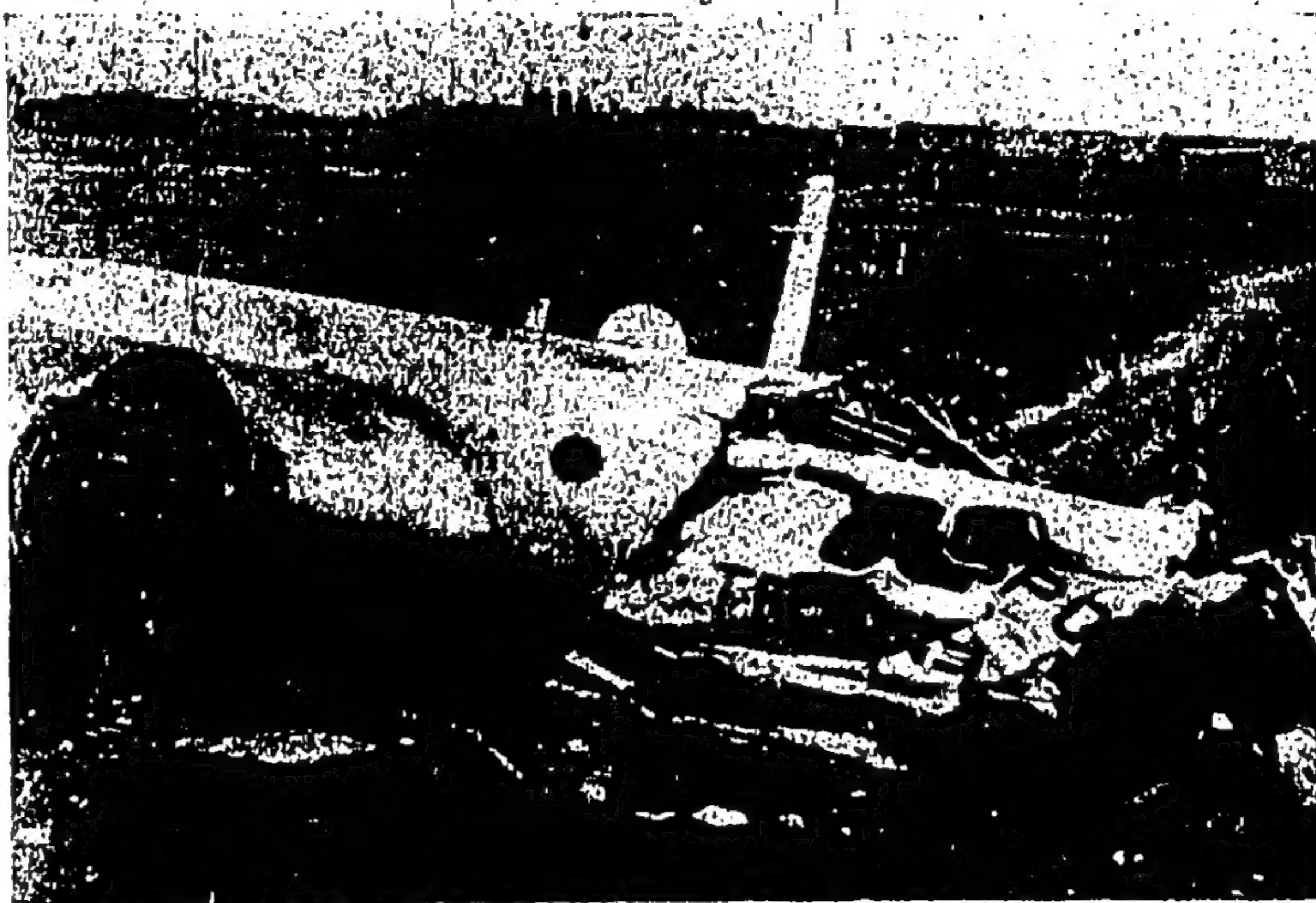
Simultaneously, the Chinese Foreign Office issued a statement detailing circumstances in the Kowloon affair and reiterating its recognition as legal, any measures taken by the British Government in contravention of the Sino-British accord of 1947 on the extension of Hong Kong territory.

"The statement said the Chinese Government is still waiting for a reply to the previous demands, namely the cessation of police action in Kowloon, the release of the Chinese residents arrested and a satisfactory arrangement to accommodate the displaced residents."—Reuter-AAP.

Frivolous Legal Submission

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Air Crash At Kunming



Thirty Roman Catholic missionaries, returning to their posts in China, narrowly escaped death when the plane in which they were travelling (a 4-engined Short Sterling) crashed at Kunming just before Christmas. The pilot was killed. (APhoto).

Amendment To Widows' And Orphans' Pensions Bill

An Ordinance to amend the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Ordinance is to have its first reading in Legislative Council today.

In determining who is or may be a contributor within the provisions of the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Ordinance, 1908, the principal Ordinance, the salary of an officer is a factor to be considered by reason of the provisions of Section 3 of such Ordinance, which specifies a minimum salary of \$480 a year as qualification to be a contributor. Section 3 also distinguishes between European and other police officers in the application of the Ordinance.

Mr. Lo's Question On Pay

A question regarding the salary or pay of Government Servants, Volunteers and Civil Defence Personnel, not interned during the Japanese occupation, in respect of the occupation period, will be asked by the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo in Legislative Council today.

The subject was raised at a Legislative Council meeting on Sept. 18 last when in reply to a number of questions by Mr. Lo, the Hon. Colonial Secretary said:

"Although the conditions in the different territories, under which interned members of the Government service had to live, varied in many respects, the treatment to be accorded to interned and non-interned personnel is a problem common to the whole area."

British Territory In The Far East

"The Secretary of State has recently indicated that for the above reasons it has not been possible for him to accept completely the recommendation of the Committee."

"Various modifications designed to secure a greater degree of uniformity throughout the Far Eastern Colonies are now under consideration."

"It is hoped that the scheme in its new form will prove acceptable."

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Japanese Reparations

Tokyo, Jan. 13.
The first shipment of reparations equipment under the 30% advance of the transfer of reparations programme will leave Japan tomorrow for Shanghai in the 2,600-ton Chinese ship "Hail Kang." The cargo comprises 600 machine tools and secondary working equipment.—Reuter-AAP.

No Date For Next Talks

Paris, Jan. 13.
No date has been fixed for a further meeting of the 16 European nations concerned in the Marshall Plan, but Britain and France have approved the principle of such a meeting, a French Foreign Office spokesman said today.

"We are still at the stage of arranging for the next meeting of the Committee of Economic Cooperation and have not got around to settling a date for a full-scale meeting of the 16 nations Conference," the spokesman said.—Reuter.

CHIANG STARTS TALKS ON ARMY TRAINING

Nanking, Jan. 13.
A comprehensive survey of policy and methods of training new recruits to replenish the ranks of Nationalist armies, formed the main topic of discussion at an army training conference which opened here yesterday at the Ministry of National Defence headquarters and was expected to continue in session for three days.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek personally presided at the conference which was attended by Generals Sun Li-jen and Kwan Li-cheng, as well as General Tang En-po and other high-ranking military figures.

According to informed sources, the discussions ranged from the amount of American equipment to the building up to combat strength of second-line troops.

This same source said the future programme will follow closely the precedent of the infantry training centre in Formosa, under General Sun Li-jen.

The programme is projected as being so far in three types of training conducted, namely, new recruits, cadres and special branches of the army.

Informed sources said that Nationalist second-line troops—40 battalions—trained in Chekiang, Kiangsu and Anhui under General Tang En-po, are being moved to Formosa for training in the island.

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Hong Kong Statement On Customs Pact

Hong Kong Government yesterday confirmed the Nanking report that a Sino-British anti-smuggling agreement has been reached. Full details of the agreement will be released today by the local authorities.

The agreement is to be enforced not later than Jan. 20 (next Tuesday). However, a Government spokesman said yesterday that "until certain legislation has been passed, it may not be possible for the Chinese Customs to exercise all the powers they should exercise."

The statement on the Hong Kong-China Customs Pact issued by the spokesman yesterday follows:

"By the exchange of notes with the Chinese Government His Majesty's Government has agreed to certain special measures for the suppression of smuggling between Hong Kong and China. These include the submission of legislation to the Hong Kong Legislature to restrict the places of loading of goods intended for export to China; the granting of permission to the Chinese Customs to establish centres within Hong Kong for certain purposes; and the granting to the Chinese Customs of the liberty to enter upon and patrol certain Hong Kong Territorial Waters and to examine the papers of vessels and to place vessels carrying cargo not duly cleared from a port in Hong Kong in the Custody of a Hong Kong authority."

"Exceptional Measure"

"It will be appreciated from the foregoing that this agreement during whose currency the Chinese Government is granted the rights within Hong Kong Territory for any Government to take, and is evidence of the sincere desire of the Hong Kong Government to assist the Chinese Government in their present difficulties. It is of interest to note that no fewer than four abortive attempts have been made to negotiate an agreement of this nature during the last 40 (forty) years."

Memorial Fund Scope To Be Wider

An Ordinance to amend the War Memorial Fund Ordinance will be laid before Legislative Council today.

Section 4 of the Hong Kong War Memorial Fund Ordinance, 1947, (the principal Ordinance) confines the grant of benefit to the widow, wife or children of an officer or member of the organisations or members of the categories specified in the First or Second Schedule to the principal Ordinance. In a number of cases, particularly where a deceased member was unmarried, application has been made for assistance from the Fund by dependent parents of such deceased officers or members.

The object of this Bill is to provide by amendment of section 4 of the principal Ordinance that a dependent parent be included within the persons related to an officer or member of an organisation or category specified in the First and Second Schedules to the principal Ordinance who may benefit from the Memorial Fund.

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LONDON, JAN. 13. A WOMAN DOCTOR WAS ATTENDING A SURGERY IN GRUNDY STREET, POPLAR, WHEN A PETROL TANK CRASHED INTO THE BUILDING—A CONVERTED SHOP.

Some 30 patients, mostly women and children, were in the waiting-room when the front of the tanker crashed through the doorway and brought down piles of debris.

Twenty-two patients were injured and taken to hospital. They were released from the blocked waiting-room by people running up from the street and tearing down wooden boards which had been nailed up over the bombed-out windows.

None were seriously hurt.—Reuter.

Burglar Armed With Wire-Cutters

When he was arrested by Dets. 656 and 802 at Woonung Street shortly after 4 a.m. on Jan. 10 with a pair of wire-cutters in his left hand, Cheng Wah (13) brought his captors to 125 Woonung Street and showed them what he did with the cutters.

He told them that he had gone up the stairs of the house and found the roof door barred. He climbed through the iron straps guarding the outside of a window leading to the roof, and was in the midst of cutting through another window-strap when he was disturbed.

Cheng was sentenced to 14 months' hard labour by Mr. W. H. Latimer after Inspector J. Orem had recited the above facts to the Court yesterday.

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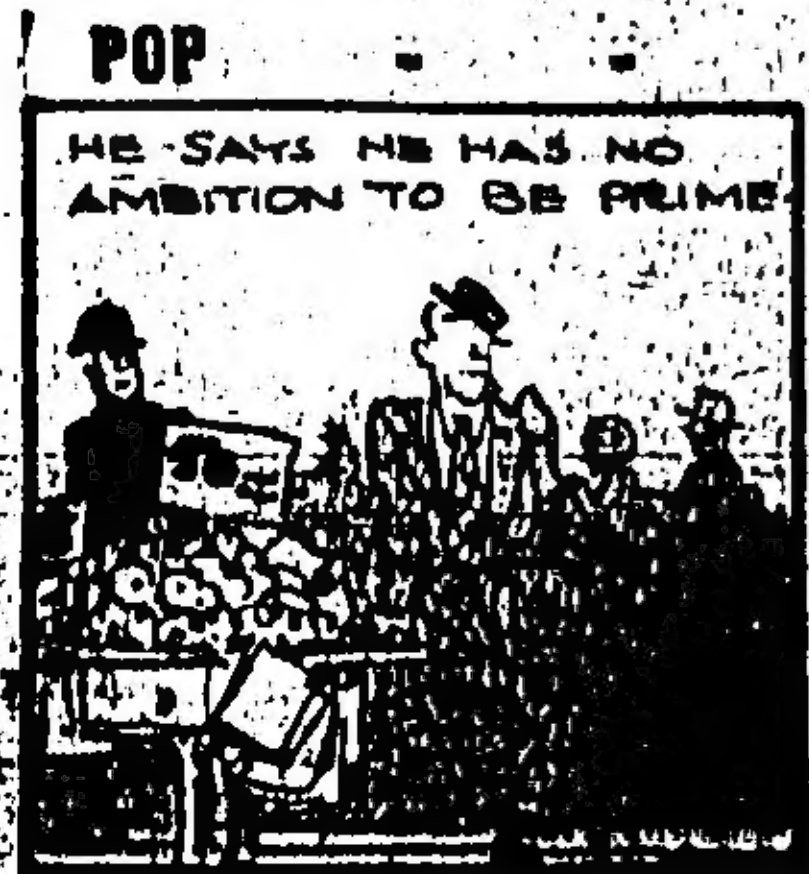
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Amendment Of Rules For Factories

Amendments to the rules governing the employment of women and young persons in factories and Workshops Ordinance, which were made by the Commissioner of Labour last month, come before Legislative Council for approval today.

Under the amendment, regulation 8 is suspended and the following substituted:—

8—(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this regulation or, as regards women over the age of 18 years, in accordance with the provisions of regulation No. 8A, no woman or young person shall be employed in any industrial undertaking between the hours of 8 p.m. and 7 a.m.

(2) The Commissioner may in exceptional cases authorise the employment of any woman or young person of 16 years or over for not more than 60 days in any year between the hours of 8 p.m. and 9 p.m.

8A. The Commissioner may, in respect of any specific industrial undertaking, authorise the employment of women over the age of 18 years between the hours of 6 a.m. and 10 p.m., subject to the observance of the following conditions, namely:—

(i) The undertaking shall be carried on in a factory-type building approved by the Commissioner.

(ii) There shall be provided and maintained for the use of all women workers, whose work is done standing, suitable facilities for sitting sufficient to enable them to take advantage of any opportunities for resting which may occur in the course of their employment.

(iii) A separate and suitable room shall be provided and equipped for use as a dining and rest room.

(iv) The work of all women workers shall be organised in shifts not exceeding 8 hours working time in any period of 24 hours. No such shift shall begin earlier than 6 a.m. nor end later than 10 p.m.

(v) No woman shall work for more than 8 hours in any period of 24 hours. Any scheme or arrangement for alternating shifts shall provide that the total of 8 hours working time is not exceeded; and such scheme or arrangement shall, before coming into operation, be approved in writing by the Commissioner.

(vi) The proprietor of every such industrial undertaking shall keep at the place of employment—

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1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.35 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.
1.50 p.m.—Boston Promenade Orchestra.
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
6.00 p.m.—Studio: Children's Half Hour.
6.10 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: "Milk For Romance".
7.00 p.m.—London Relay: World and Home News.
7.15 p.m.—Studio: A Talk—United Nations in 1947.
7.30 p.m.—Studio: "I Bring You Music".
7.50 p.m.—Classical Request Programme presented by Marion Glover.
8.30 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: "Grand Hotel" Albert Sandler and His Palm Court Orchestra and Sylvia Cecil to sing.
9.00 p.m.—London Relay: News.
9.10 p.m.—Weather Report.
9.11 p.m.—Interlude.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay: "The Gap that Cheats". A Feature Programme.
9.45 p.m.—Favourites from the Operas.
10.00 p.m.—London Relay: Radio News Reel.
10.15 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: "Bop City" by P. C. Wren.
10.45 p.m.—Studio: Epilogue.
11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

Mystery Bangkok Letter

BANGKOK, JAN. 13. THE LAKMIANG DAILY TODAY PUBLISHED A LETTER, ALLEGEDLY SENT BY A "MILITARY GROUP," CAUTIONING CABINET MEMBERS, INCLUDING PREMIER KHUANG PHAI-WONG, TO REFRAIN FROM EMPLOYING "TRICKS KIDULING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE MILITARY."

The letter reminded the Cabinet officials that they had gained power through the invitation of a military group, who permitted them the opportunity to carry out government functions unimpeded.

The letter charged that the government was "employing various tricks, obstructing and endangering the military group, such as applying pressure in order to compel Marshal Pibul to resign."

The letter also warned the government to stick to its duties and refrain from employing such tricks, otherwise the military would be compelled to act immediately in whatever way it deemed necessary.—United Press.

Courtauld Left Over A Million

LONDON, JAN. 13. MR. SAMUEL COURT-AULD, ART COLLECTOR, PHILANTHROPIST AND FOR MANY YEARS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GREAT RAYON FACTORIES, WHO DIED LAST MONTH, LEFT ESTATES "SO FAR AS CAN BE ASCERTAINED AT PRESENT" OF £1,030,126.

His will, published today, shows that £362,146 has been paid and that almost the whole of his fortune was left to his daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Butler, wife of Mr. R. A. Butler, Conservative M.P.

"I declare," wrote Mr. Court-auld in the will, "that I have made the gift to my daughter in the confidence that she will provide, thereout for any gifts I may wish to make." —Reuter

Kept His Hat On

A fine of \$40 was imposed on Lau Chung-lau for obstructing the police at the junction of Des Voeux Road, Central and Pedder Street on Monday. Defendant was told to move several times by the Police but refused.

Inspector Moran, who prosecuted, said that in the charge room defendant made himself a nuisance and refused to remove his hat when told to do so.

DRIVER CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER

The fatal traffic accident which occurred on Pokfulam Road on Sept. 20, 1947, was recalled at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, when the trial of Chan Kam-chung, who is facing a charge of manslaughter, commenced before Mr. Justice T. J. Gould (Puisne Judge).

Mr. E. H. Sainsbury, assisted by Inspector W. Eggleston, conducted the case for the prosecution.

The accused was represented by Mr. Hin-shing Lo, instructed by Mr. C. A. S. Russ.

The case was originally fixed for hearing on Monday, but owing to a misunderstanding, witnesses who had been summoned to appear for the Crown, failed to put in an appearance at the appointed time.

Before hearing was commenced yesterday, Mr. Sainsbury, on behalf of the Police, apologised to the Court for the delay.

Mr. Justice Gould, expressing the hope that such an occurrence would not happen again, said that inconvenience was caused, not only to the Court, but also to members of the jury.

In the course of his opening, Mr. Sainsbury said that on Saturday, Sept. 20, 1947, the accused, driving a three-ton Sanitary Department lorry, which had only been put on the road in March 1947, left Aberdeen to return to Victoria.

He carried 22 Government servants on the lorry, although it was not normally used for the conveyance of passengers.

Driving downhill along Pokfulam Road, accused proceeded to overtake a motor hearse at an "S" bend.

His speed was in excess of the limit of 15 miles per hour. The off-side of the accused's lorry struck a wall at the side of the road and received considerable damage.

Lost Control
Accused lost complete control of the lorry and the front off-side wheel went off the road and mounted an embankment.

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Chinese Section For Teachers' Assn.

The Hong Kong Teachers' Association proposes to establish a Chinese speaking teachers' section.

All interested are invited to be present at a meeting to be held at St. Joseph's College, Kennedy Road, at 4.45 p.m. tomorrow. The Hon. M. K. Lo has consented to take the chair at the meeting and the Director of Education will give an address. The meeting will be conducted in Chinese.

The functions of the proposed Chinese Section would be as follows:—
To be constituted as a professional body for the safeguarding and furthering of the professional interests of all Chinese teachers in Hong Kong.

"Harmful Trade Talks"

CANBERRA, JAN. 12. THE WORLD TRADE CONFERENCE AT HAVANA SHOULD BE DISPERSED BEFORE IT DOES GREATER HARM TO AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRY, TRADE AND FINANCE, MR. LATHAM WITH ALL FEDERAL DIRECTOR OF THE ASSOCIATED CHAMBERS OF MANUFACTURERS OF AUSTRALIA DECLARED IN A SPEECH HERE TODAY.

Enough harm has been done already in the World Trade talks at Geneva, he said. Preferential economic grouping is the most obvious way of recovery for Europe and also for the British Commonwealth.

The plain truth is that the economic facts are at odds with economic theories. Mr. Latham declared. Throughout the six-month Geneva Conference, contemporary economic events were continuously challenging these "protected" doctrines in the fashion "We see hard economic happenings by passing the Havana de-liberation." —Reuter.

An Ordinance to amend the Companies (Reconstruction of Records) Ordinance of 1947 comes before Legislative Council today. The new Ordinance removes several difficulties encountered in the practical operation of the Ordinance, since its enactment.

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5. Applicant for Tenders are required to deposit HK\$100.00 (One hundred) with the Board at the time of application. This sum may be reckoned as part of the 10% deposit required to be remitted with any tender.

6. The HK\$100.00 deposits made by contractors not eventually wishing to tender will be returnable against receipt at the Board's offices of the original Tender Form signed.

7. Tenders must be deposited with the Board in sealed packets marked:—"Tender No. 20" and addressed to the Chairman.

8. Closing date for Tenders:—12 Noon Friday, 23rd January, 1948.

9. The Chairman of the British Stores Disposal Board (Hong Kong) does not bind himself to accept the highest or any tender.

WALTER M. WEINBERGER,

Chairman,
BRITISH STORES DISPOSAL BOARD,
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NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

The Sale of Cash Sweep Tickets on the above will CLOSE

at the Branch Office, Kowloon, at 4 p.m. on Friday, 16th January.

at the Treasurers' Office, Exchange Building, at 1.00 p.m. on Saturday, 17th January.

at the Race Course, at 5.30 p.m. on Saturday, 17th January.

The DRAW will be held at the Public Parimutuel Hall, the Race Course, at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, 19th January.

By Order,

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OLD KOWLOON CITY

As regard buildings materials removed from Old Kowloon City after the demolition of illegal structures there on January 12th, persons who owned such materials when the structures were standing in Old Kowloon City are notified that on application being made on the 15th and 16th January between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. to a Public Works representative at the Kowloon Disinfecting Station in Kwong Wah Street, they may be permitted to carry away such materials as are there and can be identified as having previously belonged to them.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS.

NOTICE

THE COMPANIES
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(HONG KONG)

INTERNATIONAL
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COMPANY, LIMITED.

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the International Assurance Company, Limited, will be held at the Company's Head Office, 12-14, Queen's Road, Central, Hong Kong on the fifth day of February, 1948, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon when the subjoined resolution will be proposed as a special resolution:

That the name of the Company be changed to American International Assurance Company, Limited.

By order of the Board,

H. G. W. WOODHEAD,
Secretary.

January 13, 1948.

SALE OF FURNITURE ETC.

Tenders are invited for the purchase of Furniture, Best Birko Huts, Photographic Equipment and Miscellaneous Stores now lying at H.M.S. "Flycatcher", Kai Tak Aerodrome, Kowloon.

Tender Forms can be obtained on application to Section 20 of Naval Store Dept., H.M. Dockyard, Hong Kong, between 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. and 2.00 to 4.00 p.m. from Monday to Thursday, 12th to 15th January, 1948. The stores can be viewed on application to the Supply Officer, H.M.S. "Flycatcher" on the days specified. Admission to view will only be granted on production of the Tender Form.

Completed Tender Form should be returned by hand in a sealed cover marked "TENDER FOR FURNITURE ETC. (FLYCATCHER)" addressed to the Supply Naval Store Officer, H.M. Dockyard, Hong Kong, on or before noon on Friday, 16th January, 1948.

E. F. S. FISHER.

Suptdg. Naval Store Officer.

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NOTICE is hereby given that Mr. Francisco Xavier Maria Pecheco Jorge da Silva ceased to be connected with this Company as from January 2nd, 1948.

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U.N. Commission Gets View Of Greek Campaign

Athens, Jan. 12.

Guerilla artillery opened up against Greek Army positions just as the United Nations Balkan Commission observers were leaving the Epirus town of Konitza, recently besieged by the guerilla forces, the Greek news agency reported.

The observers have now returned to Jannina, south of Konitza, and, according to Greek press reports, were able to note that the guerillas were using Albanian arms and Rumanian Army uniforms.

The guerillas were said to be equipped with 75 mm field guns.

According to the witnesses quoted in these press reports, the guerillas attacking Konitza were supplied from the Albanian township of Lackovital, across the Skohditi Bridge.

General Markos, the guerilla leader who recently formed his "Provisional Government," was said to have meant to make Konitza his capital.

An allegation that Albania was interfering in Greek affairs and taking an active part in guerilla activities, was made in the December report of the United Nations Balkan Commission, quoted by the Greek news agency from Athens.

Deteriorating

Greek relations with Yugoslavia continued to deteriorate, it added.

The Commission was "following with very great uneasiness the recent developments in the political situation" and was closely watching the collaboration with General Markos "Provisional Democratic Greek Government" by one of the Government's recommendations of the General Assembly were addressed.

Two leading members of the Greek left wing parties—M. Al-elblade Loulis, of the Central Committee of EAM, and M. Hadzibeyis, Chairman of the left wing of the Liberal Party—have been deported to the island of Iscaria, in the Grecian archipelago, by order of the Athens security council.

Claims

They were arrested after the proclamation of General Markos "Government." Some 400 Communists and Leftists, arrested at the same time, were exiled to Iscaria. About 65 others will be tried by court martial on charges of plotting against the security of the state and helping the guerillas.

According to Tanjug, the Yugoslav news agency, Greek guerillas, in a communique broadcast by the radio station of "Free Greece," today claimed the liberation of eight villages from which 140 men joined the guerilla army.

The communique also claimed that in Epirus, the Greek province adjoining Albania, guerillas inflicted severe losses on the Government forces, despite numerical superiority and air force support, south of Keramika.—Reuter.

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Passport Office Scandal

LONDON, JAN. 12. DETECTIVES FROM SCOTLAND YARD WERE TODAY FOLLOWING UP CLUES WHICH WERE EXPECTED TO LEAD TO DISCLOSURE OF A LARGE-SCALE PLOT TO SMUGGLE ALIENS INTO CANADA.

The Foreign Office has refused to comment on the reports that two officials of the Passport Office had been suspended during the investigation.

A Scotland Yard official told Reuter that the investigation is the result of a recent arrest in Britain and that "inquiries are being made into irregularities in several passports."

Several hundred aliens, mostly from Germany, are alleged to have gained admission into Canada by forged British passports and it is suspected that considerable amounts of money have been paid to a London gang.

The actual passports are believed to be genuine though the entries are faked.—Reuter.

Overseas Chinese

Shanghai, Jan. 13. Mr. Lu Wei-chih, chairman of the Overseas Chinese Affairs Commission, told reporters last evening that Overseas Chinese are anxious to learn about the newly promulgated constitution.

He said that according to information received, elections of delegates to the National Assembly have been completed in North and South America while plans for the Legislative Yuan elections are now under way in these areas.

In the South Sea Islands, Mr. Lu said the elections had been postponed indefinitely owing to objections raised by the local Governments.

He added that representatives from Overseas Chinese are willing to return to participate in the task of reconstruction and make suggestions regarding post-war national policy.—Reuter.

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U.S. Ambassador Gives Views

Washington, Jan. 12. If the Marshall plan succeeds, the cooperation among the 16 countries taking part in the European recovery plan may be expected to continue afterwards, Mr. Lewis Douglas, United States Ambassador to Britain, told the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate today.

Mr. Douglas, who was giving evidence for the third day in succession, was closely questioned by Senator Henry Cabot (Republican of Massachusetts) on the possibility that after 1952, when the plan ends, the 16 countries would return to their old conception of nationalism and that this might lead to the possibility of yet another European war.

In fact, United States exports in 1948 were expected to decline by \$800,000,000 to an annual total of \$18,000,000,000.

It was hoped that imports would increase by \$300,000,000 to a total of \$8,300,000,000.

"I believe this programme is one of the most far-reaching undertakings for peace and human progress ever undertaken by this or any other country," Mr. Harriman said.

"It is noble in concept, but it is based on our own self-interest and on our own self-preservation," Reuter.

ELECTIONS IN EIRE

Dublin, Jan. 12. The President of Eire, Mr. Sean O'Kelly, announced tonight that on the advice of the Prime Minister, Mr. Eamon de Valera, he has dissolved the Dail (Parliament) and has ordered a general election in Eire on Feb. 4.

In the ordinary course, a general election is not due in Eire until 1949, but the defeat of the Fianna Fail Government Party in two of three bye-elections last November has hastened the appeal to the country.—Reuter.

No Change In Cairo Attitude

CAIRO, JAN. 12. THE PRIME MINISTER, MAHMOUD AL-NOKRASHY, TOLD THE SENATE TODAY THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY TOWARDS BRITAIN WAS BASED ON THE "UNCONDITIONAL EVACUATION OF BRITISH TROOPS FROM EGYPT AND THE SUDAN."

Nokrashy Pasha, who was speaking in the debate on Anglo-Egyptian relations, added: "There can be no life for Egypt without the Sudan, and no life for the Sudan without Egypt."

The Egyptian Government's aim was to give the Sudan a larger share in the Sudan administration, he said.

Nokrashy Pasha was reiterating the Egyptian views on the Sudan, at present an Anglo-Egyptian condominium, expressed during the abortive visit to Britain on the occasion of the Anglo-Egyptian 1936 treaty.

The talks broke down over the position of British troops in Egypt.—Reuter.

GANDHI TO FAST FOR PEACE

New Delhi, Jan. 12. Mahatma Gandhi told his prayer meeting tonight that he was undertaking a fast from tomorrow for an indeterminate period to bring about Hindu-Muslim unity.—Reuter.

Alarm And Despair In Germany

Berlin, Jan. 12. Alarm and despair spread through Western Germany today as reports from official sources warned of imminent cuts in the food ration in the British and American Zones unless production and distribution showed a sudden improvement.

The extent of the cuts was not mentioned officially, but unconfirmed reports suggested that the daily allotment would be reduced from 1,450 to 1,200 calories.

An official Allied source in Berlin said that the proposed reduction in rations was necessary primarily because of the still inadequate deliveries from farmers who were selling a proportion of their products in

Extensive Floods In Yorkshire

LONDON, JAN. 12. AIR RAID SIRENS WAILLED AGAIN IN YORKSHIRE YESTERDAY TO WARN THE VILLAGERS OF HEBDEN BRIDGE AND MYTHOLMROYD BEFORE THE RIVER CALDER SWOLLEN BY MELTING SNOWS AND HEAVY RAINS, HAD OVERFLOWED ITS BANKS.

Gales in Scotland, dense fogs in Northern Ireland and further flooding in Wales and Northern England were experienced during the week-end.

The River Derwent is flooded for 40 miles and floods are feared in areas as far apart as Bath and Norwich.

Sheep and cattle are being drowned and many homes are threatened. Because of the dirty flood water at Bath, the city is suffering a 10-hour mains water supply cut daily.

At Selby, Yorkshire, where disastrous floods occurred last March, the river Ouse has submerged many acres of potato-growing land.

The basements of houses at Pwllheli, North Wales, are flooded to a depth of three feet.

Socialists Protest To Spain

London, Jan. 12. Mr. Morgan Phillips, General Secretary of the Labour Party, acting as chairman of the Committee for the International Socialist Conference, today sent to the Spanish Government a telegram containing the Committee's protest against the "savage sentences passed by the military tribunal in Ocaña on 16 Socialist comrades."

The protest describes the sentences, ranging up to 25 years imprisonment, as "a crime against humanity and an infringement of all recognised democratic rights," and asks for the immediate release of "these victims of oppression."

The 16 Socialists, among whom are four women, were sentenced last week for trying to reconstitute the banned Socialist Party.

The sentences, which became known in London on Saturday while the International Committee was in session here, were reported still to require confirmation by the Captain-General of Toledo.—Reuter.

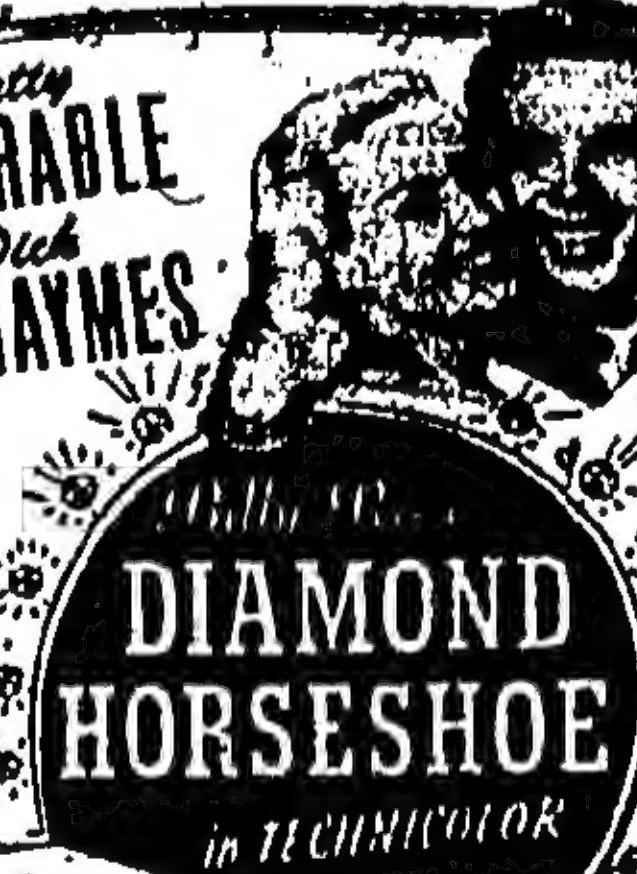
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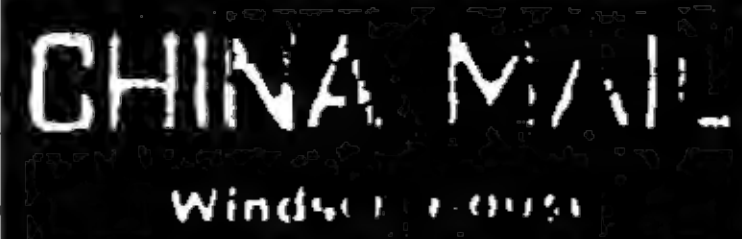
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ANTI-SMUGGLING PACT

Hong Kong's willingness to meet China in a co-operative spirit could hardly be more clearly demonstrated than in the new Anti-Smuggling Agreement announced from Nanking. Rather more detail is probably essential to sound analysis, but there is sufficient information in the cable summary to suggest that the British authorities have leaned over backwards to assist China in carrying out a task which, normally, would be regarded as China's entire responsibility, and that the Agreement is so completely one-sided (asking all and giving nothing) that all it means for Hong Kong is the necessity for imposing a set of pettyfoggish regulations to hamper shipping companies, plus the possible complications that may go with the activities of the Chinese Maritime Customs within the Colony, duplicating those of our own preventive service.

The thinking that rules such deprecating observations might be modified, in the special circumstances, were it possible to point to some measure of reciprocity by China in other fields. As for instance a curb on such crude manifestations of mischievous provocation that produce inevitably the inspiration for such lawless defiance as caused Monday's unfortunate incident in the Kowloon City area. Instead, we seem to get no more for our pains than the joint signature of a document such as the Anti-Smuggling Agreement one day and diplomatic support for squatters, agitators, and hoodlums the next.

It is not that we regret, or begrudge, anything that is contained in the new agreement. Whether Hong Kong stands to gain in any way is a matter of the smallest importance. But it would be nice to feel that our gestures of goodwill were not so liable to be rewarded by frequent slaps in the face.

Reversal on China?

Has Secretary Marshall gone back on General Marshall? Does the Secretary's proposal of \$300,000,000 aid for China mean a sharp reversal of the recent United States tendency to keep "hands off" in the Chinese civil war—a tendency largely based on the General's own realistic findings?

Clearly not. The sum is trifling as compared with what would be needed to shore up the Nanking Government against the internal as well as external causes of economic chaos.

It is best understood as a half-hearted attempt to slow up the present process of disintegration—with the added political advantage of assuaging uninformed or uninformed American opinion which holds that what is good for Europe is good for China.

The situation is vastly different. For every possible "rathole" in Europe, China has a hundred. It has produced no careful plan for self-help, as the nations participating in the Marshall Plan have. It has no modern, healthy economic base to be "restored." The Export-Import Bank last year held back a \$500,000,000 loan earmarked for China because the Chinese Government could furnish no guarantee that the money would go into productive and useful projects.

Nanking's answer, of course, is that it has a civil war on its hands. The surface logic of the Truman Doctrine conceivably might lead to a colonial American expenditure of money and arms to help Nanking fight its badly bungled war. But to long as it continues to be a military war against agrarian and bourgeois reformers as well as against the Reds, the money would serve as "faller."

Don Iddon's Diary

The New World's New Year resolutions are to shun vodka, "go steady" with the faithful and rollable Britannia, and reduce its own inflated wasteline.

The first two resolutions will probably be carried out with few lapses, because the Russian drink produces such prodigious hangovers and Britannia has proved herself a brave, self-reliant, as well as beautiful lady.

But the third resolution is going to be difficult to keep. Each day the swollen corporation gets bigger, bursting its waistcoat buttons, straining the tight belt already close to its last notch.

The American figure is becoming gross and unmanageable, and Uncle Sam is beginning to resemble a balloon man.

Even his best friends are telling him about this corpulence and obesity, and the only solution seems a drastic diet, more exercise, and stringent self-discipline.

President Truman has already recommended stern price controls, drastic profit slashes, and rationing, but Congress, committed to year-end spree, ordered the barman to set them up again for drinks all round.

After the Feast...

New year's night's celebration, however, was definitely set as the last big whoop-and-wallow orgy, and after that the law-makers mean to get down to business.

They need to. As the stomach has bulged the dollar has shrunk. It is now wafer-thin, buying only half of what it did before the war.

Every month during 1947 its purchasing power decreased, and today the cost of living is 15 per cent higher than at the beginning of the year.

This affects all. Each time prices go up here the net value of the Marshall Plan goes down.

100 Years Ago

(From the files of the "China Mail")

We are glad to learn that "the Hongkong and Canton Steam Packet Company's" Steamer "Canton" shows considerable improvement in her speed under the alterations she has recently undergone.

The chief of these has been the addition of five feet to her stem, which allows the engine power to be exerted more advantageously than when she arrived. The water is now level and undisturbed at the entering side of the paddle-wheels, whilst before it was thrown up in waves on either side of the vessel and, of course, created no small obstruction to her progress.

When the vessel steamed down the Thames the revolutions of her engines never exceeded 17 per minute, whereas under the alterations made at Whampoa they frequently amount to 304 and are never less than 27. At this speed, the tremendous motion, felt more or less in all steamers, is in the "Canton" very trifling.

The vessel has not attained a very high speed, but averages 324 miles against the tide, and 324 miles with it, she shows a greatly increased rate to what she possessed when she first came to the station.

"The Hongkong" is now having "similar alterations" made upon her at Whampoa, and we hope the public and the shareholders will find her similarly improved.

We learn from Shanghai that the "Canton" will be the first of a new class of steamers to be built at the Hongkong and Canton Steam Packet Company's shipyard at Whampoa. The new class will be built to a standard of 3000 tons, and will be the first of a new class of steamers to be built at the Hongkong and Canton Steam Packet Company's shipyard at Whampoa.

So the all-important all-American item on the 1948 agenda is to clamp down on soaring prices and costs, to shed superfluous fat, and deflate inflation.

The Great Fall

In New York we are still digging ourselves out of the great snow. The heavens opened and overwhelmed the town, and it will take weeks to get transportation normal.

Huge banks and drifts of snow continue to block most cross-town streets and many avenues.

The great fall lies heavy over Manhattan and the entire State, and all the digging and drilling and shovelling of tons of thousands of snow-removal men has cut only a pathway and trenches for traffic and pedestrians.

Excavators, snow-ploughs, bulldozers have merely scratched at the mountainous snow pile. The most mechanised city in the world has been reduced to an Alaskan town, relying on sleighs drawn by horses and hunkies, on a skeleton service of buses and subways, a handful of taxis, on the determination and stamina of workers trusting to their legs to carry them to their jobs.

Snow Barriers

Hundreds of the great arteries in the city itself and leading to and from it are still blocked and barricaded by solid 10ft-high walls of snow. Thousands of cars, abandoned by their drivers, have been swallowed by the snow.

In the suburbs many families are marooned, and ambulances and fire-engines cannot get through even to the heart of Manhattan.

I have been very impressed by the spirit and will of New Yorkers. Everyone has tried to help each other.

Houses have been thrown open to strangers for the night. Cinemas have been turned into dormitories, soup kitchens have been established in police stations and barracks, hotels have set up beds in their lounges, and there has been no wrangling over payment.

Trial By Ordeal

We used to wonder during the war how New York would have stood up to bombing. The past few days' experience shows it would have endured the ordeal as London did.

The cost of this whitest of Christmas weeks will probably run into \$10,000,000 in lost business, but no one has worked it out yet.

Of course, the big blizzard wrecked most New Yorkers' plans for New Year's Eve.

There was no need to bar windows in Times-square or corbion off Forty-second-street. Mounted police were not required to control the rioters and ruckies. It looked like a mild, milk-and-water celebration in Manhattan.

For the rest, there is scandal in Washington over politicians making shuffles of profit over grain (now they talk about the grain, not the brain trust).

"Bongo, Bongo, I don't want to leave the Congo" is the new hit tune.

The latest slogan, in view of the weather, is "Winter take all," and experts announce that one-quarter of all edible food in the U.S. is thrown into the garbage bin, which certainly is food for thought.

So They Spy

Hollywood, which throws more parties than any other community of its size in the world, organised the routine champagne-fizzing, caviar-consumption, and post-prandial-dance for New Year's Eve.

While we played around like Eskimos it was a week of exceptional magnitude here. The cold, snowy week of 1948 is increased to a week of the cold, snowy week of 1948. The cold, snowy week of 1948 is increased to a week of the cold, snowy week of 1948.

PICTURE OF THE AMERICAN SCENE

The first move to achieve this has been to fire more of the studios' best writers because of their Left views. This will only get Hollywood left at the post.

Errol Flynn has plenty to celebrate. He has just signed the film city's most fabulous contract—\$1,000,000 income guaranteed over the next 15 years. And they used to call him Errol Flynn.

Greer Garson wants to do a "Good-bye, Mrs. Chips" film, taking the title right out of our mouth.

Loretta Young, brimming over with impressions of Britain, will give no more parties or presents—all her spare money will go for food parcels for Britain.

Paulette Goddard and husband Burgess Meredith will take \$500 worth of food with them for friends in Britain on their next trip.

Out Of Focus

Zionist groups are complaining that news-reel cutlids are cut off from covering recent events in the Holy Land. They never did cover them. They distorted them.

The Diary awards for the year follow:

Best films shown here: "Odd Man Out," "Boomerang," "Body and Soul."

Best actor: John Mills; best actress: Joan Crawford, for making a wonderful game-back. Best play: "A Street-car Named Desire."

Best stage actress: Jessica Tandy.

Palestine's Strange Conflict

By ELIAV SIMON

Palestine's undeclared Holy War is a strange conflict in which one of the 1,000 "fronts" might lie between two floors of an apartment house where troops wear uniforms ranging from cast-off GI khakis to old evening dress and can have their choice of three armies on either side.

But in the daily cat and mouse fighting, hit and run sniping, bombing and killing both sides are slowly working out a front and with it the "partition" the United Nations ordered.

At present the only well defined fighting areas are the old city of Jerusalem where Arabs laid siege to the Jewish ghetto and in the Jewish land between Jaffa and Tel-Aviv.

Even the Palestine-Syrian border is held in dispute between the authorities of the two countries and Palestine Government spokesmen said "it would surprise no one if Syrians caught in what is believed to be Palestine territory came there in the honest belief that it is Syrian territory."

The armies are unrecognisable. The Arab underground wears either Kaftan Bedouin dress or American uniforms bought from disposal dumps in Egypt. Hagana members wear anything from khaki shorts to a queer combination of old evening clothes. Neither side has badges or insignia.

There are no open cities. There are no combatants. You are either a Jew or Arab or pro-Jew or pro-Arab.

The Paradox

The paradox in the Holy War is neither Arabs nor Jews have "supreme command" on more than one side. Neither Arabs nor Jews have "supreme command" on more than one side.

Even wishful thinkers on both sides admit the three Arab and three Jewish organisations are not unanimous on more than one side. It is also a war in which possession of arms is punishable by death under a decree of power which the law controls on both sides.

As a result, most of the munitions used is privately owned. Both Arabs and Jews know the fate of their homeland will be decided within six months after the withdrawal of British troops.

Arabs are holding their ground in what is destined as the Arab state, and in Jerusalem which is destined to become an international city. The Jewish state is already taking shape.

Arabs are moving to the old city of Jerusalem, and to the 100 per cent Arab quarters where Jews are gradually entering themselves in the exclusive Jewish quarters.

This is happening all over the country. Jewish forces of defence are being built up in the Jewish state, and the Jewish state is being built up in the Jewish state.

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CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"I got my start when one day my wife says, 'Willum, of all th' clowns I ever seen, you take th' cake!'"

Ex-King Michael's Princess

By JOHN FISHER

Here she is—Princess on the quiet, the girl of whom nobody had heard till she came to the Royal Wedding in London a month ago: Princess Anne-Annette-Françoise-Charlotte of Bourbon-Parma—the girl who is partly the cause of King Michael's abdication.

Twenty-four years old, long-legged, with fine, perhaps beautiful, features, dark curly hair, and big brown eyes, she makes you wonder a little whether the other eligible European Princesses weren't somewhat slow in letting King Michael beat them to it with his proposal.

"Nan," as the family call her, is high-spirited, with a sense of humour and a distaste for the kind of stiff functions often thrust on to royalty. She is adept at giving imitations of her friends and enemies.

Princess Anne was born in Paris and grew up there with three brothers—Jacques, an older brother, and Michel and Andre, who are younger.

In a colour test for blue blood her family came high. Anne's father, Prince René of Bourbon-Parma, the 18th of 18 children of Duke Robert of Parma, is a direct descendant of the great Louis XIV. of France.

Anne's mother, formerly Princess Margaret of Denmark, was a niece of Queen Alexandra.

During World War II, the Prince, who had many friends in England, spoke publicly against the Axis. With the result that the French and Italian Governments confiscated his estates.

Nan, who was then 10, went with her mother to New York, and there studied commercial art. Then she joined her mother, who ran a smart hat shop. Later she drove an ambulance for the French Red Cross.

Today Anne, her mother, and Prince René live in a small villa in a prosperous suburb to the north of Copenhagen; Prince René still travels abroad a good deal.

A Danish friend told me on the telephone: "The family are comfortably off, but not wealthy, and Princess Anne is not in the city's 'smart set.' You do not see her around much dancing, or playing tennis."

A woman friend of the Princess's says that she is a real "mother's girl," and has been brought up very quietly.

Her style in dress matches this description. She wears flat heels and uses little make-up; her clothes might almost be utility and she prefers going round without a hat.

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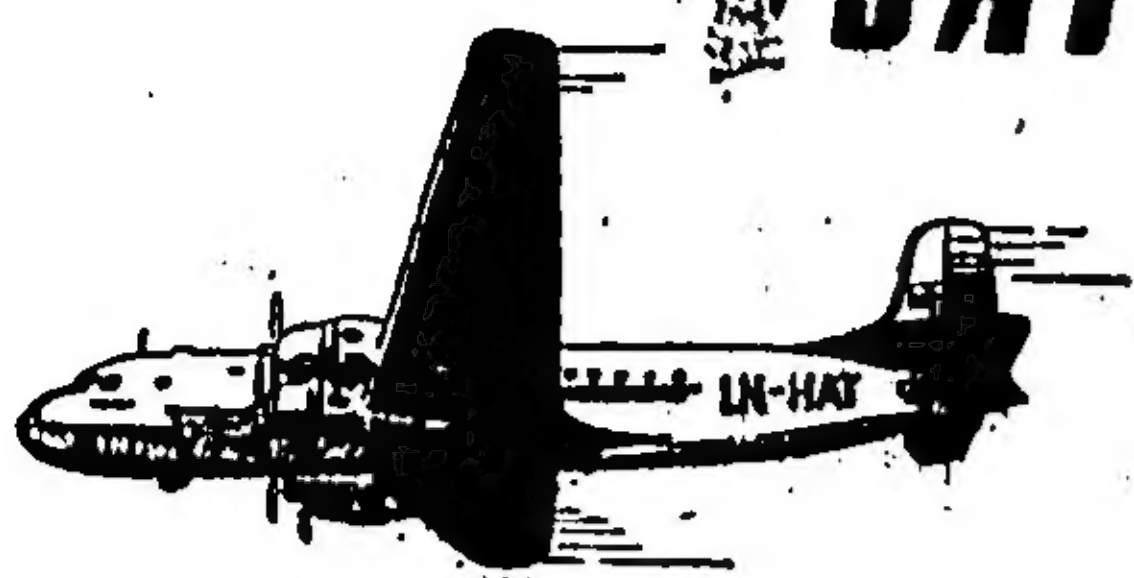
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JEWIS LOOKING FOR ARMS

Worried Over Britain's Withdrawal

Haganah At Great Disadvantage

Lake Success, Jan. 12.

Dr. Moshe Shertok, head of the Jewish Agency's Political Department, accused British troops in Palestine of "crippling Jewish defences" when he disclosed here today that the Jewish Agency would shortly seek United Nations authorisation to buy arms and equipment for the Jewish defence forces.

Dr. Shertok, who has just returned from Palestine, said that the Agency would ask the United Nations to create, as soon as possible, an international militia for Palestine and would also seek permission to obtain finance for the Jewish State.

Repeating his accusations that the British administration in Palestine was showing a bias favouring the Arabs, he said: "In some extreme cases, British troops, in their duty done in the general line of conduct, cripple the Jewish defences and virtually, I do not say intentionally, encourage Arab aggression."

The Jewish authorities in Palestine, Dr. Shertok claimed, had received repeated assurances from high British sources that searches for Jewish arms would be discontinued, but added that these assurances generally were followed by more searches.

Aggravated

"I do not impute double dealing to the British, but apparently Government orders are not being obeyed in the lower ranks."

Saying that the problem of defence was liable to become aggravated during the British withdrawal and the virtual disbanding of the Transjordan Frontier Force, Dr. Shertok asked: "What will happen to the weapons now in Arab hands?"

He declared that the most important psychological factor in the present situation would be for the United Nations to make it absolutely clear that it is determined to enforce its decision. This, he said, would have a dampening effect on Arab violence.

About the recent finds of explosives destined for the Jewish

Agency, Dr. Shertok said: "If we cannot get arms through the United Nations, I consider Haganah entitled to obtain arms by every means that they can do so."

Dr. Shertok said that the minimum requirements for Jewish defences would be a

THE BEST DISCIPLINED

Melbourne, Jan. 13.

Gen. H. C. H. Robertson, arriving from Japan to confer on the transfer of the BCOF to Australian control, said the Japanese are the best disciplined people in the world today.

"They are not exactly docile but are carrying out whatever they are ordered to do," he said.

Gen. Robertson said commanding the BCOF proved the most difficult soldiering in his career.—United Press.

fully mobilised and equipped force of 15,000 to 20,000 men.

Such a force could be put into the field tomorrow if they had the equipment, he said.

He declared that the Jews in Palestine were at a grave disadvantage because they are not yet a State whereas their neighbours can use State machinery to buy arms many countries for the Arab Palestine military organizations.—Reuter.

Jewish Blueprint For New Palestine State

Jerusalem, Jan. 13.

A complete plan for the machinery for establishment of a new Jewish State in Palestine will be handed to the United Nations Commission to begin work on implementation of the United Nations General Assembly's decision to partition the Holy Land, a Jewish Agency spokesman announced today.

The present chiefs of Palestine departments had been instructed in a circular signed by Sir Henry Gurney, the Chief Secretary, to give all assistance to the Jewish State planners, the spokesman added.

The probable budget for the new Government was \$12,000,000, the spokesman disclosed.

The eight Ministries already blueprint for the Jewish State were: Foreign Affairs, Agriculture, Education, Health, Labour, Public Works and District Administration.

The spokesman said that a number of British and Arab civil servants had indicated their willingness to carry on in the service of the Jewish State.

He was unable to give the number of Arabs who had agreed, he said in reply to a question.

He added that Tel-Aviv was "not unlikely" to be the capital of the new State.

A main legal committee, with 15 sub-committees, had been charged with the task of examining all existing Palestine legislation and recommending what parts needed revising, repealing or replacing.

The first piece of the existing legislation to go would be the White Paper laws which restrict Jewish immigration into Palestine.—Reuter.

NOTED CATHOLIC DEAD

Philadelphia, Jan. 13.

Nicola A. Montani, 67, founder of the St. Gregory Society, an organization for the advancement of Catholic Church members, died at his home here.

The noted musician and composer was awarded the Countess Cross and title of Knight Commander of the Order of St. Saviour by Pope Pius XII.—Associated Press.

HE WON'T WANT THEM ANY MORE

Rangoon, Jan. 13.

The former Japanese prisoner, U. S. says, who has been sentenced to death by a court-martial for the execution of seven British prisoners, has telegraphed his brother in London, saying that he would not want to be sent back to the front.

He said that he would like to be sent to a concentration camp in Japan.—United Press.

CANCER EXPERT RETURNS

London, Jan. 13.

Professor H. J. Gurney, leading cancer specialist, who was in the United States for several months, has returned to his post at the Royal Cancer Institute.



Ex-King Umberto of Italy (second from left, carrying hat and briefcase in left hand) seen on arrival at Farouk airport, Egypt, on Dec. 30, from Lisbon, to make arrangements for his father's funeral. Behind Ex-King Umberto (in check scarf) is his aide, General Graziani. Behind Ex-King Umberto's left shoulder is King Farouk's aide de camp and pilot, Hassan Akef. (Associated Press Photo).

Zionist Pressure For Speed-Up

Lake Success, Jan. 13.

The Jewish Agency will seek immediate entry of the United Nations Partition Commission into strife-ridden Palestine, which the U.N. plans to divide into Jewish and Arab countries effective on Oct. 1.

A spokesman said today that Moshe Shertok, head of the Agency's Political Department and considered a leading choice for the Foreign Minister of the new Jewish country, would lay the demand before the five-nation U.N. Commission as soon as consultations open.

The Zionist position clashes sharply with the British stand that the U.N. should stay out of Palestine until the mandate ends. The British have held to this point in rejecting any appearance of dual U.N. and British control. A British spokesman said his Government is willing to end rule over Palestine on May 15 and even move up the date if the U.N. is ready to take over and the physical problems surrounding surrender of administration and troop withdrawals can be solved earlier.

Shertok was said to hold the view that delay in the U.N. entry into Palestine would "doom the Commission" and that the General Assembly's Nov. 29 decision to split the Holy Land could not be carried out effectively from here. In support of the argument, Agency spokesmen pointed to portions of the resolution providing for the start of virtually unlimited Jewish immigration on Feb. 1 and establishment of provisional councils of Government for the two new countries on April 1.—Associated Press.

Beginning Of The End In Mukden?

SHANGHAI, JAN. 13.

THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN NEGOTIATING FOR THE PAST WEEK FOR THE EVACUATION BY AIR OF 7,000 GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES FROM MUKDEN, ACCORDING TO THE NORTH CHINA DAILY NEWS THIS MORNING WHICH QUOTED AN AUTHORITY SOURCE.

This source is quoted as saying that a "great" evacuation is expected in the near future. The name of the airline was not mentioned in the report.

One of the many difficulties in the way of meeting the request is the fact that the Government is asking for more planes than the airline can supply.—Reuter.

U.N. Meeting In Europe

Geneva, Jan. 12.

Mr. Trygve Lie, Secretary-General of the United Nations who arrived in Geneva on Saturday for an 18-day tour of Europe to find a site for the September Assembly, will visit seven European capitals beginning with Bern tomorrow.

On Friday, he will leave for Geneva for Paris where he will remain until Jan. 20.

He will visit Brussels on Jan. 21 to 22, The Hague on Jan. 22 to 23, Strasbourg and Karlsruhe on Jan. 24 to 25, London on Jan. 26 and Belgium on Jan. 27.

Mr. Lie will leave for New York on Jan. 28. The first session of the Assembly of the U.N. will be held at Lake Success in the United States.

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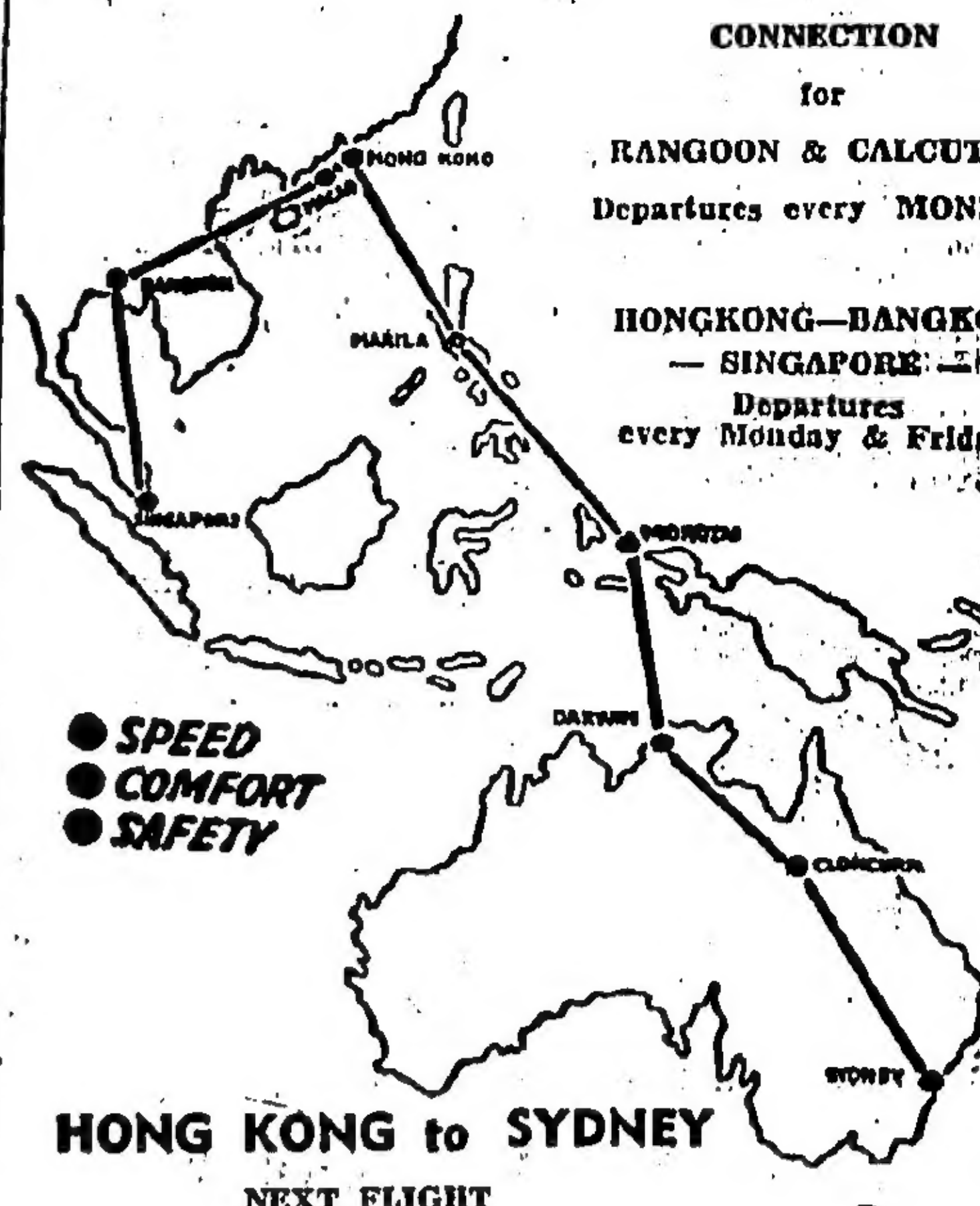
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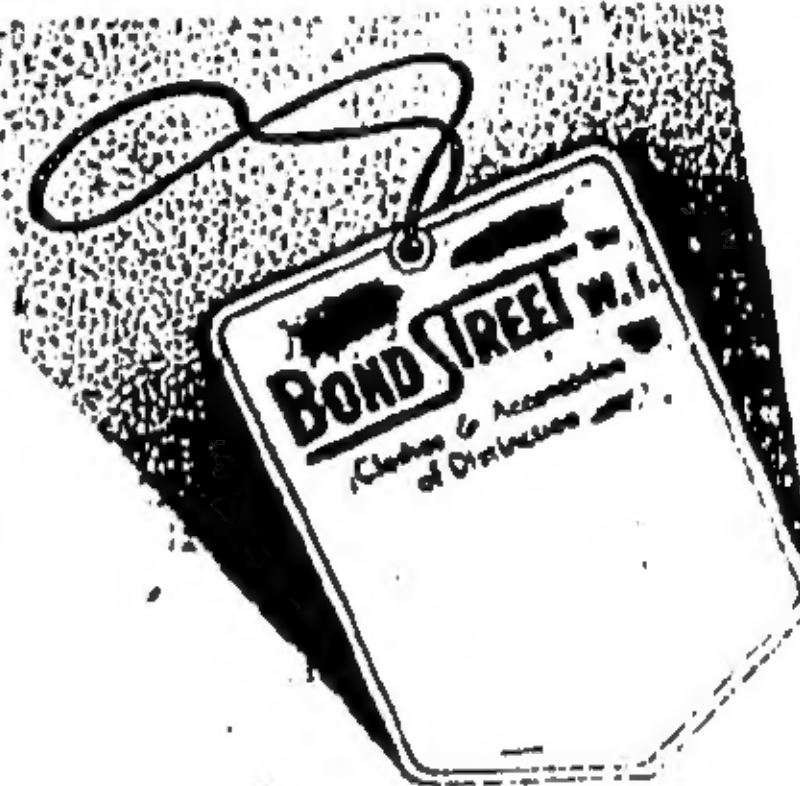
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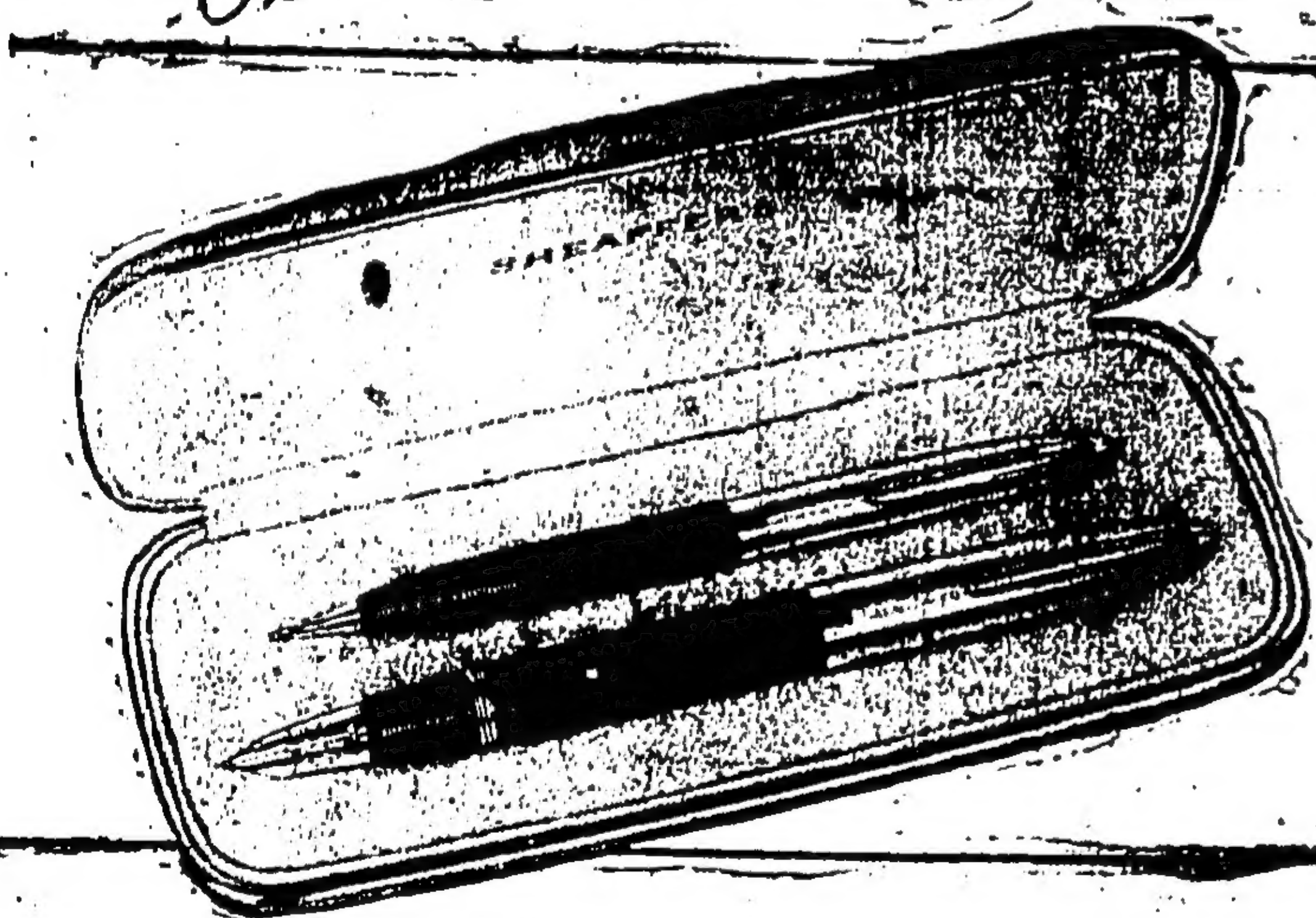
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MOVING PLEA BY MARSHALL

Adequate Programme Or Nothing At All Aid Plan Needed To Cope With A "Great Crisis"

Washington, Jan. 12.

The Marshall aid to Europe plan was needed to cope with a "great crisis," Mr. George Marshall, the Secretary of State, declared today.

He posed the question to Congress: "Do we meet the situation with action or do we step aside and allow other forces to settle the pattern of the future European civilisation?"

Testifying before the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee in his second major statement on the Marshall plan debate, Mr. Marshall said that Congressional action should meet four tests of adequacy.

He said: "It must be prompt. It must be adequate in amount. It must be efficient and flexible in operation. It must be cooperative in relation to other participating countries."

Stressing the importance of the programme to the United States, Mr. Marshall declared: "If we do not move out to meet the problem today, it will certainly come to us here in the United States under conditions far more unfavourable to us."

"The situation in Europe has not yet developed to the point where grim progression from economic uncertainty to tyranny is probable."

"But without United States support of European self-help, this progression may well become inevitable."

Challenge

The United States faced an "historic decision," Mr. Marshall said. "The challenge to our task is great," he added.

"The aid suggested is designed to prevent the economic strangulation which now threatens Western Europe and through that vital area endangers the free peoples of the world."

"This aid must cure the illness without impairing the integrity of the nations we wish to support," he declared.

"The proposed programme will impose burdens on the Am-

erican people, but the quantity of exports contemplated is less than those of the past 15 months."

"Decisions should be made on the basis of our most fundamental interests and I submit that none of these are more compelling than enduring peace and individual freedom."

"Europe must be restored if a durable peace is to be attained."

Cooperative

Mr. Marshall praised the work of the Paris Conference, which drew up the recovery plan, and said: "The pledges of this European group promise a far more cooperative system than has ever before existed on that continent."

The proposed \$6,800 million American contribution for the first 15 months represented a reduction of about 20 per cent on the Paris estimates.

"The size of the programme must be adequate to its purpose of supporting genuine recovery," Mr. Marshall declared. "The programme must be primarily a business, technical and engineering job."

The Committee already has a bill under consideration sponsored by Mr. Christian Herter, the Republican Representative from Massachusetts and Chairman of the committee which investigated conditions in Europe last summer, which would scrap Mr. Marshall's proposals for administration and substitute an eight-man corporation representing both political parties, responsible equally to Congress and Government, but divorced from the State Department.

This issue of administration is expected to be on of the most heated of the debate.

Essential

Mr. Marshall concluded his prepared statement by saying: "European economic recovery is essential to the preservation of basic freedom in the most critical area of the world today. It is essential to the return of normal trade and commerce throughout the world."

The Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Charles Eaton, asked Mr. Marshall how he would answer foreign charges that the aid plan represents an invasion of sovereignty.

"Pure propaganda," Mr. Marshall said, adding that if the recovery programme "involved American plans for economic imperialism," it would require a more Machiavellian machinery than is possible in an open hearing like this.

"The great crisis has to be met," he declared.

Propaganda

Mr. Marshall, speaking further of propaganda and its "tremendous psychological effect," said that during the London Council of Foreign Ministers, "the tremendous barefaced efforts to overthrow the Governments of France and Italy" stemmed largely from propaganda against America.

The Secretary of State assailed the "demagogic appeals to the public which is very easy to stir up," but said that people abroad would respond readily to honest promises of help from the United States.

He asked Congressmen to consider the Marshall plan in terms of its psychological potentialities on behalf of the United States.

Mr. Marshall said that his "contacts with officials of satellite Governments" had encouraged him to believe that other European countries would eventually join the plan, although "there is no sign of any weakening in their political stand as yet."

The Secretary of State indicated that he was prepared to agree to a compromise on the administration of his aid to Europe programme.

"I have an open mind both on the specific machinery and on the working of legislation," he said.

RAPED 17 WOMEN

Tokyo, Jan. 13.

Loneliness and frustration during his wife's pregnancy started 35-year-old printer Katsuo Tsuji on a career of rape and murder of 17 young women between February and October last year. It was revealed at the first day of trial here.

Tsuji confessed to the crimes immediately after his arrest in November last year. Tsuji added he carried out his assaults only on prostitutes and street walkers.—Central News.

"I believe, however, that authority for the administration should be vested in a single individual and not in a commission or board, and that matters of foreign policy should be subject to the control and direction of the Secretary of State," Mr. Marshall declared.

Mr. Marshall said that the proposed \$6,800 million American contribution for the first 15 months, and representing a reduction of about 20 per cent of the Paris estimates results from complex calculations.

Crisis

"It takes into account the anticipated production, exports and imports of the participating countries."

The Secretary of State declared that the United States "is the only nation today with the strength to lend vital support to such a movement" as the European recovery project.

"We want to see the world return to normal as quickly as possible," he said.

"We are in a position of leadership by force of circumstances. A great crisis has to be met."

Mr. Marshall described his European recovery programme as a means for the world to avert a third world war.

The Secretary of State was asked by the Republican Congressman, Mr. Lawrence H. Smith, of Wisconsin: "Will this lead to war?"

Mr. Marshall replied: "I think that in its effect it will avoid war rather than lead to war."

Gamble

Declaring that it was a gamble, he said: "We do not guarantee it, but we feel there is every prospect of success if we go into it wholeheartedly."

Mr. Marshall admitted that "attempts will be made, as far as is possible, to divert our intentions for evil purposes as reflections on some countries' sovereignty or on some people's pride."

These would, however, "sink into insignificance if we come through—and come through in time."

He warned: "There will be a tremendous reaction against us in Europe if we turn away now."

"It will be followed by a great depression of spirit and effort."

Repeating his assertion to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Mr. Marshall insisted: "If you do not go through with an adequate programme, you may as well not go through with it at all."—Reuter.

Red Threat To Tientsin Averted?

Nanking, Jan. 13.

Pro-Government dispatches from Peiping said Communist threat to Tientsin and Faoing was "completely eliminated as powerful Government columns in separate local counterattacks drove the Reds from their outlying areas and occupied many strategic towns, barring the way to any Communist comeback."

Following the recapture of Siaoan, 12 miles southeast of Tientsin and 12 miles southwest of Tangku, Government troops cross the Hai River and swept clear of the coastal area, thus securing the southeast approaches to Tientsin.

The ports of Tangku, Taku, Koku and several others north and south of Hai River are now firmly in Government hands, the reports said.

In West Hopeh, a Government communique issued in Nanking said: "Nationalist forces pushed the Reds farther away from Peiping after their capture of Mancheng, 13 miles northwest."

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek returned to Nanking today from Mukden, where he presided over a military conference and discussion of new Nationalist strategy in Manchuria and North China.

Reports from Mukden said the military conference decided to unify the Government commands in Manchuria and North China under Fu Tso-yi and Li Sung-jen, Chiang's personal representative in Peiping.—Associated Press.

Weather Ship's Rescue

LONDON, JAN. 12.

THE GREENOCK METEOROLOGICAL SHIP, "WEATHER RECORDER," ARRIVED HERE LAST NIGHT AFTER RESCUING THE CREW OF 28 OF THE 3,000-TON NORWEGIAN STEAMER, VENI, WHICH WAS WRECKED IN A GALE EARLIER YESTERDAY ON THE BALACH ROCKS, NEAR THE ISLAND OF ISLAY.

The weather ship had to use radar to locate the steamer, which was sailing from Leith to North Africa. The Veni will become a total wreck.

The Weather Recorder, which returns to her station tomorrow, is the second of four weather ships planned by Britain.

She started observations four months ago.—Reuter.

British Meat For France

Paris, Jan. 12.

The French Government will henceforth avail itself of its right under the existing Franco-British agreement to take 10 per cent of the British meat purchased in Argentina.

Hitherto, France has not made use of this right.

The change of policy was understood to be in accordance with the French Government's plan to bring down domestic food prices by the large-scale importation of foreign foods.

The decision was approved in French official circles today, since through the medium of the present British meat contracts with Argentina, France will get meat twice as cheaply as through her own.—Reuter.

MID-ATLANTIC RESCUE

New York, Jan. 13.

All 46 survivors of the fire-ravaged Army transport Joseph V. Connolly have been rescued in four lifeboats in mid-Atlantic, the Coastguard announced.—Associated Press.

Soviet Gets Tough In Berlin Area

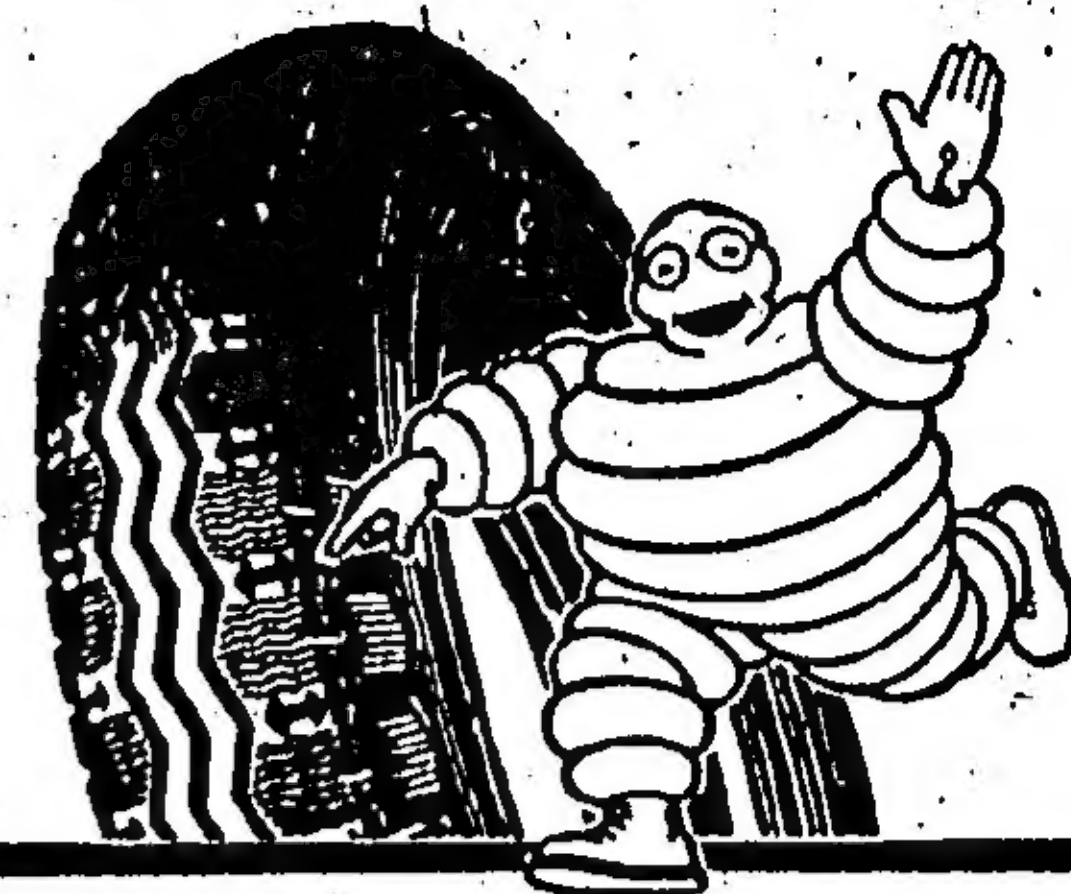
Berlin, Jan. 13.

Soviet occupation authorities arrested Dr. Herman B. Wells, President of Indiana University, just inside the Russian sector of Berlin and held him for three hours before releasing him, U.S. Army police said today.

Wells' arrest yesterday was the latest in a series of such incidents. In recent weeks 17 Americans, including 12 soldiers, have been picked up and detained, some for as long as three days.

The Russians made the arrests despite Allied agreements providing for free movement of Allied personnel in all four occupation sectors of the city. Investigations of the arrests are being conducted by the U.S. military government.

Wells said he believed the Russian soldiers were young and over-zealous.—Associated Press.



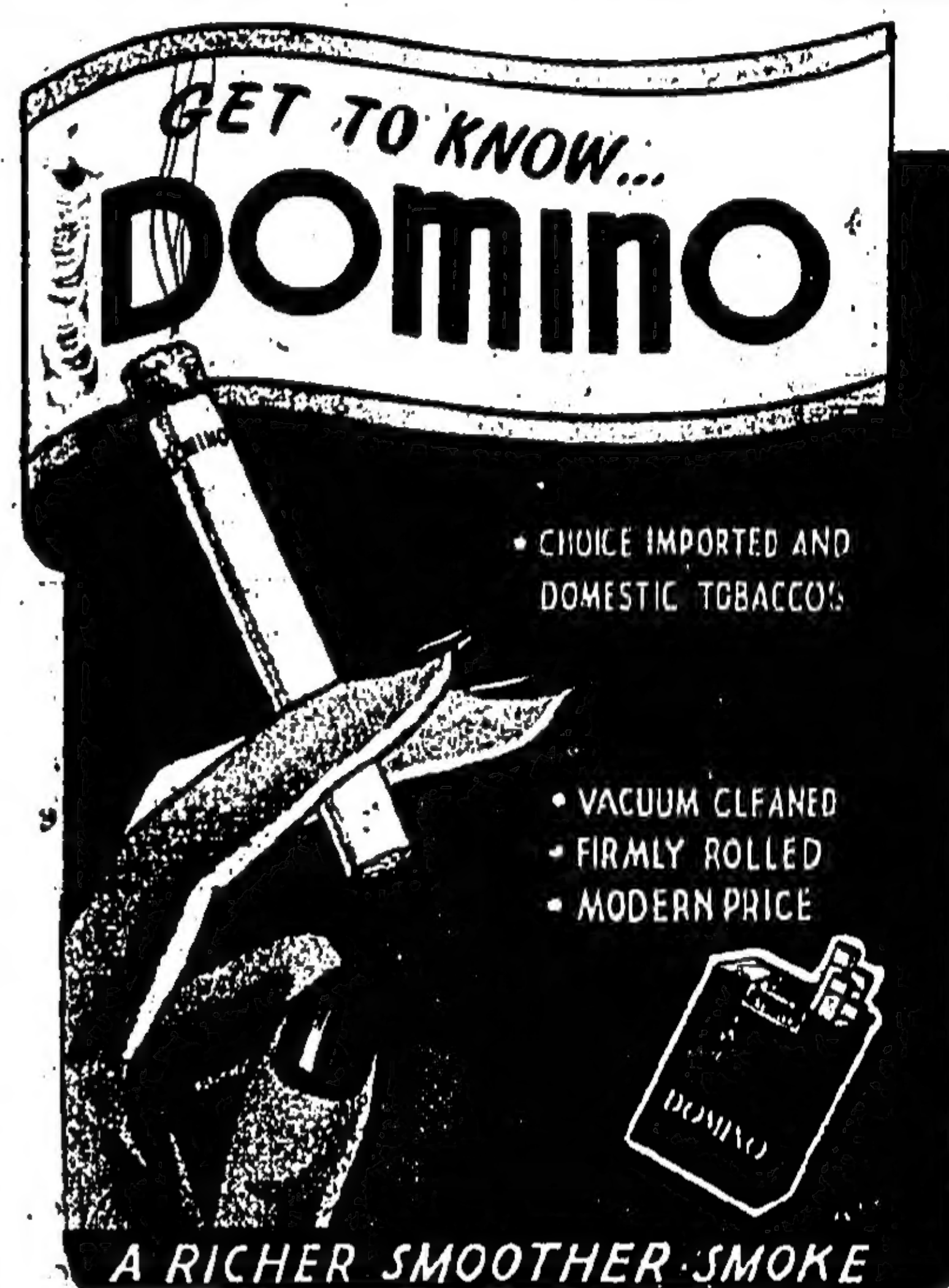
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Ribbentrop And "Degenerate" Britain
Hitler Frenzy Of
Blind Hatred

Nuremberg, Jan. 12.

Joachim von Ribbentrop, the German Foreign Minister, tried to convince Hitler that Britain was an old and weak country, too degenerated to follow a strong policy and to oppose acts of aggression intended by Hitler.

A former German Ambassador to Britain said this in an affidavit presented today in the Wilhelmstrasse trial of 21 high German diplomats and government officials which continued here.

The Ambassador, Herr Herbert von Dirksen, who was Ribbentrop's predecessor as Ambassador to Britain, added that Hitler's anti-British feeling was whipped into a frenzy of blind hatred by Ribbentrop.

Herr von Dirksen said that Hitler attached great importance to Ribbentrop's views. It was not true that Ribbentrop obeyed Hitler's orders on British matters as he would on other questions, he declared.

Nuffield Reduces Prices

LONDON, JAN. 13.

THE NUFFIELD ORGANISATION, ONE OF BRITAIN'S LEADING MOTOR MANUFACTURING CONCERNS, ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTIONS HAD BEEN MADE IN THE EXPORT PRICE OF THE MAJORITY OF MORRIS, WOLSELEY AND RILEY CARS AND MORRIS COMMERCIAL VEHICLES.

The action follows closely upon the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps' call for more competitive price levels.

The price cuts have been made possible by greater internal competition and reduction of profit margins.

Mr. R. F. Hanks, vice-chairman of the organisation, said it was impossible to say just what the cuts would be but they would vary according to the situation of the country concerned.

The cuts would operate chiefly, he said, in those countries where sales would otherwise be difficult.

—Reuter.

In his affidavit today, Herr von Dirksen said that Hitler was bitterly disappointed and frustrated by the outcome of the Munich Conference because it meant that he would be unable, as he had hoped, to wage war against Czechoslovakia.

Herr von Dirksen said that Hitler's frustration showed itself in a speech at Saarbrücken, after the Munich Conference, when he attacked Britain in such language that even the German Embassy in London was taken aback.

Herr von Dirksen said that after the occupation of Czechoslovakia, "the fairness of British policy caused me to underline again and again in reports to the Foreign Office during the summer of 1939 the declarations of the British Government as to its firm resolve to go to war in the case of a German attack on Poland."—Reuter.

HOW HITLER WAS WELL FOOLED

Nuremberg, Jan. 12.

Mrs. Milada Rodlova, 45-year-old daughter of Dr. Emil Hacha, one-time President of Czechoslovakia and later head of the Reich protectorate, gave evidence for the prosecution today at the United States War Crimes Tribunal in Nuremberg which is trying 21 former German diplomats and Government officials.

She told the court that her father, who died in June 1945, when summoned by Hitler to Berlin to sign documents for organising Bohemia and Moravia as a Reich protectorate, altered the documents and signed in his own name only.

He believed that the alteration and his signature only would make the document null and void.

Mrs. Rodlova said that Hitler ordered her father to sign the declaration in the name of the Czech State and the people.

Words Altered

Her father's acquiescence in Hitler's demands only came, she said, from his legal knowledge that his signature not supported by Czech legislative action had no validity in international relations.

The witness said that Hitler ordered Dr. Hacha to sign a supplementary statement to the declaration which would have read: "I am putting the fate of Bohemia and Moravia into the hands of Adolf Hitler."

The father altered the wording to read: "The fate of Bohemia and Moravia is in the hands of Adolf Hitler" and then signed the statement.

In spite of these modifications the original unaltered declaration appeared in Prague shortly afterwards, Mrs. Rodlova added. It bore the signatures of Hitler and his Foreign Minister, Joachim von Ribbentrop, and the apparent blessing of Hacha.

Helped To Sign

She said that Hitler refused to listen to Dr. Hacha as he repeatedly tried to tell Hitler that his decision to create a protectorate in Czechoslovakia was abhorrent to the people and the Government.

Mrs. Rodlova said it was "absolutely" that Hitler arranged to have Dr. Hacha's special train delayed so that he (Hitler) could be present.

U.S. OFFICERS IN TURKEY

Istanbul, Jan. 12.

Five senior United States naval officers have arrived in Istanbul by air for the instruction and training of Turkish naval officers and units who will man the 15 warships granted to Turkey under the \$100,000,000 United States aid programme.

Among the ships are four large submarines built in 1944, which will be delivered to a Turkish port by American crews.

The transfer of the ships will be completed in April. Two more groups of American officers will arrive in Turkey within a few weeks.—Reuter.

Princess Taking It Easy

LUXEMBOURG, JAN. 12.

PRINCESS ANNE OF BOURBON-PARMA, FIANCEE OF EX-KING MICHAEL OF RUMANIA, WAS TODAY TAKING A REST AFTER "THE EMOTIONS OF THE RECENT DAYS" IN THE MEDIEVAL CASTLE OF FISHBACH, IN NORTHERN LUXEMBOURG.

It was not known when she would leave for France where she is to meet ex-King Michael who is now in Switzerland.

The Princess said last night: "Neither the date nor the place of our wedding has yet been chosen. I shall soon go to France, where I am going to meet my fiancé."

She was accompanied by her mother, Princess Margherita of Denmark. Her father, Prince Rene, who served under General de Gaulle during the war, was expected in Fishbach soon.—Reuter.

SHIPPING FARES TO BE RAISED

Shanghai, Jan. 13.

The Ministry of Communications today approved the demand of local shippers to increase 70 percent on fare and transportation rates effective tomorrow.—United Press.

Republicans Jump On Truman Budget

Washington, Jan. 12.

The Republicans today jumped on President Truman's budget, charging that it was "extravagant" and "beyond the means of the nation to meet this year."

The chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee (Senator Styles Bridges, New Hampshire Republican) led the attack.

Senator Bridges said President Truman had "played politics in an attempt to make the budget appear as an economy measure."

He also said there "is no relief offered" for American taxpayers despite Mr. Truman's US\$40 a head tax reduction proposal last week. He declared that economy would not be found in the budget message.

However, Senator Bridges added that the US\$11,000,000 proposed for national defence and "additional billions" for foreign aid were "realistic, although staggering." Even this expenditure, he promised, would be "reviewed most carefully" before the appropriations were approved.

Senator John Sparkman (Alabama Democrat) expressed the sentiments of Administration stalwarts. He said President Truman had done "just about as good a job as he could, considering world conditions."—United Press.

Malayan Broadcast Station Economy

SINGAPORE, JAN. 13.

MORE THAN HALF THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROGRAMME AND NEWS STAFFS OF THE FAR EASTERN BROADCASTING SERVICES IN SINGAPORE TODAY RECEIVED NOTICE AS PART OF AN ECONOMY DRIVE.

Those affected may transfer to the British Broadcasting Corporation on the termination of their employment.

It was officially explained that this action was taken pending the erection of a new, high-powered transmitter which will not be ready for two years.

The cuts will mean a reduction of only about half an hour daily in transmissions but more material will be relayed from the BBC. This will include French and Dutch broadcasts in place of those of local origin. More recordings, flown out from Britain, will be used.

Broadcasting times will be adjusted to avoid overlapping with the BBC Far East Broadcasting and other Empire stations, thus ensuring a continuous service to Far Eastern countries.—Reuter.

JAPANESE OUT OF BOUNDS?

Shanghai, Jan. 13.

Two Japanese trawlers, each with a landing capacity of about 100 tons and provided with armed escorts, were sighted yesterday by a fishing boat of the China Marine Products Company, the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry revealed yesterday.

The trawlers are believed to be violating the SCAP order forbidding Japanese boats to fish in Chinese waters.—Reuter.

BRITAIN AGAIN

Moscow, Jan. 13.

The Soviet trade union newspaper, Truth, today placed the responsibility for the "bloody regime" in Kashmir on the "British agents in India and Pakistan."

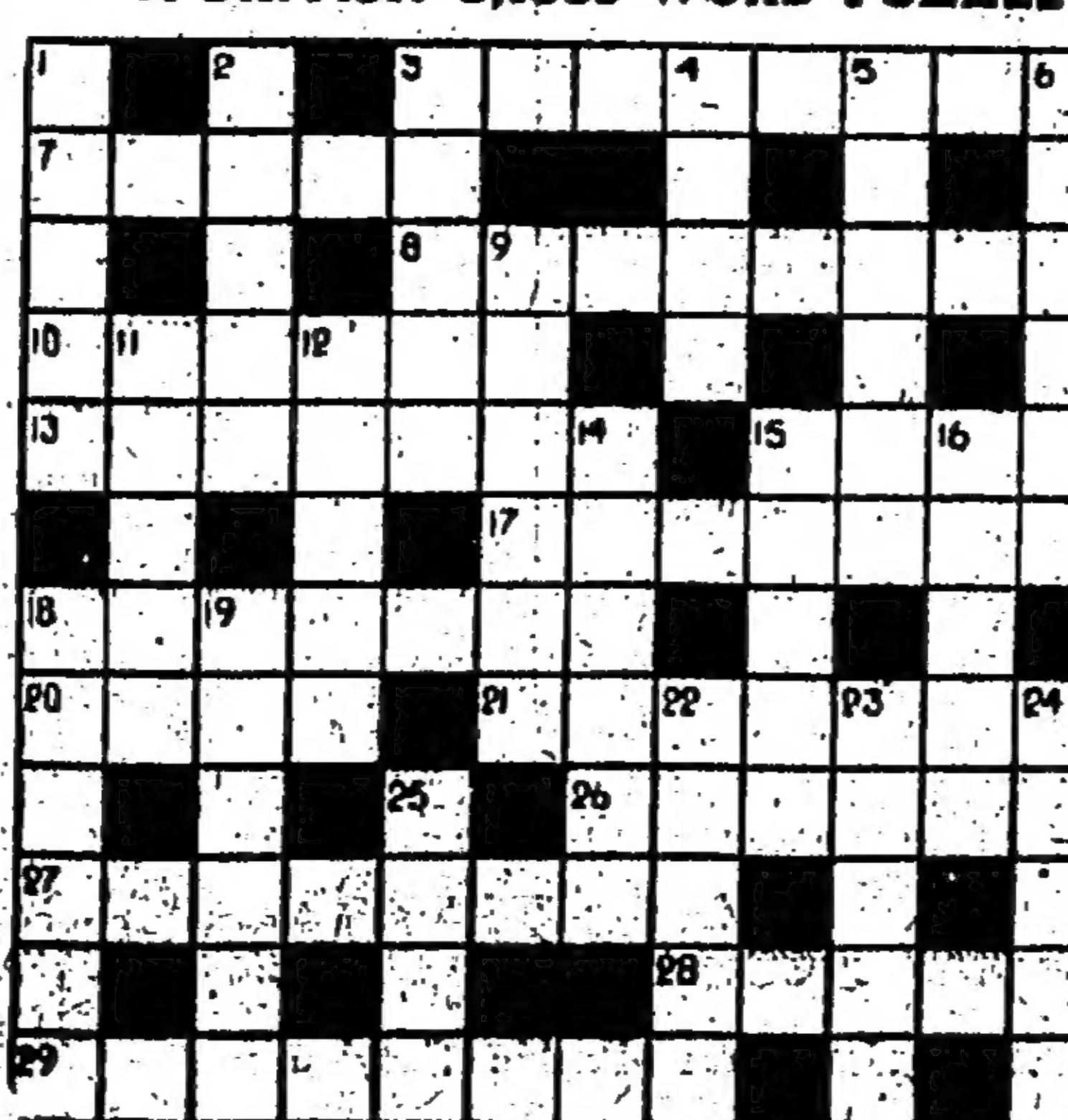
The paper also charged the British Government with abetting "to the city migrants who are not interested in peace in India and prefer to use the tried method of divide and rule in order to continue their domination of both dominions."—Reuter.

CHINESE AIR CRASH

Shanghai, Jan. 13.

A Chinese Air Force transport plane, a C-47, carrying an undetermined number of passengers, crashed and burned yesterday near Changshu, 100 miles from Shanghai, while en route from Shanghai to Kunming.

A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

- Bring about.
- Implicated.
- Very severe.
- Get.
- Go in front.
- Measure.
- Lasted.
- Flourished.
- Ogle.
- Shortage.
- Shopping.
- centre.
- Swirl.
- Twirl.
- First.
- principles.

Clues Down

- Bend down.
- Deluge.
- Eagle's nest.
- Black.
- Cautelous.
- Reposited.
- In fact.
- Salt water.
- Stage player.
- beloved.
- Harmony.
- Lukewarm.
- Pause.
- Edict.
- Worries.
- Carp.
- Coat.
- Recess.

Yesterday's Crossword

Across: 1. Dance, 2. Lovers, 3. Lament, 4. Bygone, 5. Trail, 6. Many, 7. Glean, 8. If, 9. Bait, 10. Glean, 11. Glean, 12. Glean, 13. Glean, 14. Glean, 15. Glean, 16. Glean, 17. Glean, 18. Glean, 19. Glean, 20. Glean, 21. Glean, 22. Glean, 23. Glean, 24. Glean, 25. Glean, 26. Glean, 27. Glean, 28. Glean, 29. Glean.

Peninsular & Oriental



STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY ARRIVALS

SHIP	FROM	DUE
"TREVETHOE"	U.K. via Straits	15th Jan.
"EMPIRE BRENT"	U.K.	21st Jan.
"TREVETHOE"	Shanghai	27th Jan.
"CANTON"	U.K. via Straits	16th Feb.
"DILWARA"	U.K. via Straits	27th Feb.
"TREVAYLOR"	U.K. via Straits	28th Feb.
"TREVAYLOR"	Shanghai	11th March

SAILINGS

SHIP	TO	SAILING
"LANCASHIRE"	U.K. via Straits	14th Jan.
"TREVETHOE"	Shanghai	20th Jan.
"EMPIRE BRENT"	Bombay via Straits	22nd Jan.
"TREVETHOE"	U.K. via Straits	29th Jan.
"CANTON"	U.K. via Straits	31st Jan.
"DILWARA"	U.K. via Straits	23rd Feb.
"TREVAYLOR"	U.K. via Straits	29th Feb.
"TREVAYLOR"	Shanghai	2nd Mar.
"TREVAYLOR"	U.K. via Straits & Continent	13th Mar.

British



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STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD. ARRIVALS

SHIP	FROM	DUE
"ORMARA"	Shanghai	21st Jan.
"OZARDA"	Shanghai	28th Jan.

SAILINGS

SHIP	TO	SAILING
"OZARDA"	Shanghai	15th Jan.
"ORMARA"	Bombay via Straits	23rd Jan.

APCAR

ARRIVALS

SHIP	FROM	DUE
"SANGOLA"	Shanghai & Amoy	14th Jan.

SAILINGS

SHIP	TO	SAILING
"SANGOLA"	Calcutta via Straits, Rangoon & Madras	15th Jan.

* Has Refrigerated Cargo Space.

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SHIPS	from	Due
"MELMORE"	Australia	Early Feb.
"NANKIN"		Early March

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S.S. "KYSKA" Loading early February

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Chinese Agents, Connaught Road, C. No. 82, Tel. 25133.

CHINA and JAPAN LINES

	DUE FROM	SAILING FOR
"TIBADAK"	Macassar & Javaports, 16th Jan.	Batavia, Semarang, Macassar & Macassar, 24th Jan.
"TISADANE"	Java ports and Macassar, 16th January Sailing for Amoy & Manila	Batavia, Semarang, Macassar & Macassar, 31st January.

ORIENT-JAVA-AFRICA LINE
SOUTH-ATLANTIC LINE

	Due from	Loading for
TEGELBERG	South America, 22nd Jan. Sailing for Shanghai 24th Feb.	Manila, Singapore, Mauritius, Lourenco, Marques, Beira, Durban, East London, Port Elizabeth, Mosselbay, Capetown, Buenos Aires, Montevideo, Santos, Rio de Janeiro, 12th Feb. Sailing 14th Feb.

Transshipment cargo on through bill of lading accepted for Dar-Es-Salam, Mombasa & Zanzibar.

	South America, 25th Jan.	Shanghai, Yokohama, 27th Jan.
"STRAAT SOENDA"		
	South America, 29th Jan.	South Africa, 10th March
RUYS		

DELI-STRAITS-CHINA LINE

	Due from	Sailing for
"VAN HEUTSZ"	Belawan Dell, Penang, Singapore, 18th Jan. Sailing for Swatow & Amoy	Singapore, Penang & Belawan Dell, 27th Jan.

Agents HOLLAND-EAST ASIA LINE

	Due from	Loading for
"LEOPOLDSKERK"	Japan & Shanghai, 10th Feb.	Manila/Singapore, Colombo/Port Said/Alexandria, Genoa/Marseilles/Antwerp/Rotterdam/Amsterdam/Hamburg/Copenhagen/Göteborg/Oslo, 11th Feb.

	Europe on or about 18th Jan. Sailing for Shanghai & Japan	Manila/Singapore/Colombo/Port Said/Alexandria, Genoa/Marseilles/Antwerp/Rotterdam/Amsterdam/Hamburg/Copenhagen/Göteborg/Oslo, 11th Feb.
"MOLENKERK"		

	In Port	Manila/Singapore/Colombo/Port Said/Alexandria, Genoa/Marseilles/Antwerp/Rotterdam/Amsterdam/Hamburg/Copenhagen/Göteborg/Oslo, early March.
"ALPHERAT"		

Agents: SILVER LINE LTD.

	Due from	Sailing for
"HENDONHALL"	U.S. Atlantic ports, late February	U.S. Atlantic Coast Ports via Singapore and Suez.

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TO AND FROM PACIFIC & ATLANTIC COASTS
U.S.A. LOADING DATES

Loads	Date	Vessel
Atlantic Coast via Los Angeles	Late Jan.	m.v. "DONA ANICETA"
	Early Feb.	m.v. "MINDORO"
From	Date	Vessel
Atlantic Coast via Los Angeles	22nd Jan.	m.v. "ANDAMAN"
	Late Feb.	m.v. "DONA AURORA"
	Late Feb.	m.v. "DONA NATI"
For	Date	Vessel
San Francisco & Los Angeles	23rd Jan.	m.v. "ANDAMAN"
Atlantic Coast via Los Angeles	26th Jan.	m.v. "DONA AURORA"
	Late Feb.	m.v. "DONA NATI"

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FRANC TO BE DEVALUED?
Question To Come Before Cabinet

Hong Kong Stock Exchange

Another uninspiring day with little turnover reported showing dropping rates.

H.K. GOVT. LOANS
4% Loan 100s. 37 1/2
5% Loan 100s. 37 1/2
H.K. & S. Bank 2010b, 2040s. (Lon. Reg.) 42 1/2
Chartered Bank 411 9/16
Mercantile Bk. A. & B. 42 1/2
Bank of East Asia 127 1/2
INSURANCES
Canton Ins. 200b.
Union Ins. 770b, 800s.
China Underwriters 4 1/2 b.
H.K. Fire Ins. 300b.
SHIPPING
Douglas 200b.
H.K. & M. Steamships 15b.
Indo China (1947) 50m.
Indo China (1948) 20m.
H.K. (1947) 70m.
U. Waterhouse (Old) 47b, 47as.
U. Waterhouse (New) 44 1/2 b.
DOCKING, WAREHOUSE, GODOWN, ETC.
H.K. & K. Wharves (Old) 150b.
" (New) (P. 10) 148s.
" (New) (P. 10) 150s.
H.K. Docks 33 1/2 b, 34 1/2 b, 33 1/2 b.
China Provident 22 1/2 b.
Shai Dockyards 20 1/2 b.
MINING
Raub Mines 5 1/2 b, 5 1/2 b.
H.K. Mines 425b, 350s.
LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.
H. & R. Hotel 24 1/2 b, 23 1/2 b.
H.K. Lands (Old) 70b, 60b, 60b, 70b, 70b.
H.K. Lands (New) 70b.
Shai Lands 6 1/2 b.
Humphreys 32 1/2 b, 29 1/2 b.
H.K. Realities 15b.
Chinese Estates 140b.
PUBLIC UTILITIES
H.K. Tramways 23 1/2 b, 24 1/2 b.
Peak Tram (Old) 15b.
Peak Tram (New) 15b.
Star Ferries 125b.
Yamutai Ferries 20b, 20 1/2 b.
C. Light (Old) 20b, 21b.
C. Light (New) 30 1/2 b.
H.K. Electric (Old) 51 1/2 b, 52b, 51 1/2 b.
H.K. Electric (New) 400s.
Macao Electric 24b.
Randakan Light 10b.
Telephones (Old) 40b.
Telephones (New) 30 1/2 b.
INDUSTRIALS
Cald. Macz. (Ord.) 20b.
Canton Iron 7b.
Cementa (Old) 30 1/2 b.
Cementa (New) 31b.
H.K. Ropes 20b.
STORES & C.
Dairy Farms (X. Rts.) 60 1/2 b, 61b, 61 1/2 b.
Dairy Farms Rights 41 1/2 b, 40 1/2 b.
Watsons 70b, 60 1/2 b, 60as.
Lane, Crawford 62 1/2 b, 61as.
Sincere 820b.
China Emporium 12,800.
Sun Co. Ltd. 5 1/2 b.
Kwong Sang Hong 200b.
Wing On (H.K.) 180b.
Wm. Powell 14b, 12 1/2 b.
MISCELLANEOUS
China Entertainments 30 1/2 b.
H.K. Constructions (Old) 6 1/2 b.
H.K. Constructions (New) 5b.
Vibro Piling 6 1/2 b.
Maraman Investments 13 1/2 b.
Maraman (H.K.) 31 1/2 b.
COTTONS
Swiss 14 1/2 b.

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SILVER AND GOLD MARKETS

London—Silver, Spot, per fine ounce, 45d; Forward, per fine ounce, 44 1/2 d; Bar Gold, per fine ounce, 172 1/2.

New York—Silver, Bar (asked price), 74 1/2 cts.; Bar, Gold, per fine ounce (official) \$35; (N.Y. unofficial) unquoted.
Bombay—Silver: Ready, per 100 tolas 168 Rupees, 04 Annas; Forward, per 100 tolas 166, 04; Marwar, per 100 tolas 167, 12. Gold, delivered, per tola 106, 00; Forward, per tola 105, 10; Sovereign 68, 08. One Tola is equal to 1/16th of an ounce.
Buenos Aires—Sovereign, buyers 66.50, sellers 67.50; U.S. Eagles, 124.80b, 127.00b; Gold, Bar, Gramme, 6,10b, 6,30s.

Bangkok—Gold, Bar, per bah-weight of 15.244 Grammes 468 Ticals; Exchange Rate (Selling)—Bangkok on New York T.T. 1175, London 99.50, Hong Kong 3.70—Reuters.

AUSSIE NAVAL APPOINTMENT

Sydney, Jan. 12.
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Admiral Collins, who succeeds Admiral Sir Louis Hamilton, is the first Australian to hold those positions—Reuters.

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The President's budget message left the stock market rather flat today, with the exception of aluminum, and the response of many market leaders was a retreat to lower territory.
Selling was attributed mainly to doubts regarding business, taxes and foreign aid. There were 1,000,000 transfers.
Gainers included United Aircraft, Douglas Aircraft, Glenn Martin, Lockheed, Republic, Pullman, Caterpillar, Tractor.
Among losers were Gulf Oil, Union Pacific and Textron.
Dow Jones averages were—Stocks 6435.20 Industrials 179.33, 16 Rails 62.44, 10 Utilities 35.61.
Closing quotations—Adams Express 17 1/4, Alaska Juneau 4, American Can 20 1/4, American Smelting 54 1/4, American Telephone 12 1/4, American Tobacco 67 1/4, American Waterworks 20 1/4, American Copper 33 1/4, Aviation Corp 4 1/4, Baldwin Locomotive 14 1/4, Barnard 35 1/4, Bendix Aviation 28 1/4, Bethlehem Steel 100 1/4, Canadian Pacific 11 1/4, J. I. Case 40, Chrysler 61 1/4, Colgate 44 1/4, Commercial Solvent 22 1/4, Alaska Juneau 4, American Can 20 1/4, American Smelting 54 1/4, American Telephone 12 1/4, American Tobacco 67 1/4, American Waterworks 20 1/4, American Copper 33 1/4, Aviation Corp 4 1/4, Baldwin Locomotive 14 1/4, Barnard 35 1/4, Bendix Aviation 28 1/4, Bethlehem Steel 100 1/4, Canadian Pacific 11 1/4, J. I. Case 40, Chrysler 61 1/4, Colgate 44 1/4, Commercial Solvent 22 1/4, Alaska Juneau 4, American Can 20 1/4, American Smelting 54 1/4, American Telephone 12 1/4, American Tobacco 67 1/4, American Waterworks 20 1/4, American Copper 33 1/4, Aviation Corp 4 1/4, Baldwin Locomotive 14 1/4, Barnard 35 1/4, Bendix Aviation 28 1/4, Bethlehem Steel 100 1/4, Canadian Pacific 11 1/4, J. I. Case 40, Chrysler 61 1/4, Colgate 44 1/4, Commercial Solvent 22 1/4, Alaska Juneau 4, American Can 20 1/4, American Smelting 54 1/4, American Telephone 12 1/4, American Tobacco 67 1/4, American Waterworks 20 1/4, American Copper 33 1/4, Aviation Corp 4 1/4, Baldwin Locomotive 14 1/4, Barnard 35 1/4, Bendix Aviation 28 1/4, Bethlehem Steel 100 1/4, Canadian Pacific 11 1/4, J. I. Case 40, Chrysler 61 1/4, Colgate 44 1/4, Commercial Solvent 22 1/4, Alaska Juneau 4, American Can 20 1/4, American Smelting 54 1/4, American Telephone 12 1/4, American Tobacco 67 1/4, American Waterworks 20 1/4, American Copper 33 1/4, Aviation Corp 4 1/4, Baldwin Locomotive 14 1/4, Barnard 35 1/4, Bendix Aviation 28 1/4, Bethlehem Steel 100 1/4, Canadian Pacific 11 1/4, J. I. Case 40, Chrysler 61 1/4, Colgate 44 1/4, Commercial Solvent 22 1/4, Alaska Juneau 4, American Can 20 1/4, American Smelting 54 1/4, American Telephone 12 1/4, American Tobacco 67 1/4, American Waterworks 20 1/4, American Copper 33 1/4, Aviation Corp 4 1/4, Baldwin Locomotive 14 1/4, Barnard 35 1/4, Bendix Aviation 28 1/4, Bethlehem Steel 100 1/4, Canadian Pacific 11 1/4, J. I. Case 40, Chrysler 61 1/4, Colgate 44 1/4,

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 "ANHUI" Amoy, Swatow, Saigon & Singapore 10 a.m. 16th Jan.
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Airmail for Swatow, Tainan and Amoy (Reg.) 9.00 a.m. (Ord.) 8.30 a.m.

Airmail for Manila, P.I., Shanghai, U.S.A. and Canada (Reg.) 9.30 a.m. (Ord.) 9.00 a.m.

Airmail for Manila P.I. (Reg.) 8 p.m. (Ord.) 7.30 p.m.

Airmail for Canton, Luchow and Kunming: Airmail for Tientsin, Hankow, Tientsin and Peking (Reg.) 8 p.m. (Ord.) 7.30 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea and Train

Canton, 7 a.m.

Macao, Tainan and Shekhi, 8 a.m.

Hankow, Noon.

Macao, Tainan and Shekhi, 1 p.m.

Canton, 2 p.m.

Shanghai, 2 p.m.

Straita, Macassar, Sourabaya and Sata-via, 3 p.m.

Hankow, 4 p.m.

Formosa, via Keelung, 4 p.m.

Macao, Tainan and Shekhi, 4 p.m.

Kunming, 4 p.m.

Canton, 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, JAN. 15

Closing Times By Air

Airmail for Shanghai (Reg.) 9 a.m. (Ord.) 8.30 a.m.

Airmail for Hongkong, Singapore, Batavia, Colombo, Sydney and Auckland (Reg.) 9 a.m. (Ord.) 8.30 a.m.

Airmail for Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tientsin and Peking (Reg.) 9 a.m. (Ord.) 8.30 a.m.

Airmail for Canton, Swatow, Amoy and Fochow: Airmail for Kweilin (Reg.) 9 p.m. (Ord.) 8.30 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea and Train

Canton, 7 a.m.

Macao, Tainan and Shekhi, 8 a.m.

Straita and Calcutta, 10 a.m.

Swatow, Noon.

Macao, Tainan and Shekhi, 1 p.m.

Canton, 2 p.m.

U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America via San Francisco (No Parcel Post for Canada), (Par. and Reg.) 2.30 p.m. (Ord.) 2 p.m.

Shanghai, 3 p.m.

Amoy and Swatow, 3 p.m.

Manila P.I., 3 p.m.

Macao, Tainan and Shekhi, 4 p.m.

Kunming, 4 p.m.

Canton, 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, JAN. 16

Closing Times By Air

Airmail for Shanghai (Reg.) 9 a.m. (Ord.) 8.30 a.m.

Airmail for Amoy, (Reg.) 9 a.m. (Ord.) 8.30 a.m.

Airmail for Hongkong, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Bahrain, Cairo (Nairobi, Johannesburg and Swatow via Cairo), Augusta and London, Kowloon C.P.O. (Reg.) 2.30 p.m. (Ord.) 2 p.m.; G.P.O. (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 2.30 p.m.

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Shanghai:

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Jan. 14, H.K. Airways, 3 p.m.

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Jan. 14, Pan-American, 12.45 p.m.

Canton:

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Jan. 14, BOAC (Capt. Colvin), 8 a.m.

Singapore via Bangkok:

Jan. 16, Cathay Pacific, 7 a.m.

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Jan. 15, Cathay Pacific, 2.30 p.m.

Jan. 17, Cathay Pacific, 3 p.m.

Shanghai:

Daily, CNAC (DC4), 11.45 a.m.

Jan. 15, H.K. Airways, 3 p.m.

San Francisco (via Honolulu, Wake, Guam, Wake, Honolulu):

Jan. 16, Pan-American, 10 a.m.

Canton:

Daily, H.K. Airways, 8.30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Sydney via Manila, Darwin:

Jan. 17, Cathay Pacific, 3 p.m.

London, Jan. 12.

The Committee of the German People's Congress announced today that a conference, to which representatives of all occupation zones would be invited, would be held in Berlin shortly to discuss keeping Berlin as Germany's capital, the Soviet-controlled Leipzig Radio reported.—Reuter.

Compulsory Loans To State Plan

Stockholm, Jan. 12.

A compulsory loan to the state by all wage earners was advocated today by the Minister of Finance, M. Ernst Wigforss, as a solution to Sweden's growing inflation problem.

M. Wigforss was presenting estimates to Parliament for the biggest budget in the nation's history.

The budget estimates forecast a revenue of 4,769,300,000 crowns and an expenditure of 4,239,800,000 crowns, giving a surplus of 539,500,000 crowns.

Of the surplus, 500,000,000 crowns is expected to come from increased taxes on beer, spirits, wines, non-alcoholic drinks, entertainment, totalisators, football pools, lotteries, vehicles and petrol.

Before M. Wigforss delivered his budget address, King Gustav formally opened Parliament.

Sweden's economic recovery was proceeding more slowly than had been hoped, the King said. This had caused Sweden considerable difficulties, and strict limitation of investments and taxation of non-essentials were therefore needed.

King Gustav said that he expected the entire Swedish nation to give loyal support to the measures of control necessary in the prevailing serious supply situation.

Relations with foreign powers were good, he added, but the international situation was characterised by sharp economic conflicts.—Reuter.

Bill Against Discrimination

Washington, Jan. 12.

President Truman asked Congress today for \$1,000,000 to finance a new "National Commission against discrimination in employment."

The President said that the Commission is needed to "establish a Federal programme for the elimination of discriminatory employment practices, based on race, religion, colour or national ancestry"—Reuter.

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